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Whole School Curriculum Overview

Learning to Shape Our Future at St James' CofE Primary School 2022-2023

At St James' CofE Primary School we want to develop and nurture thinking and learning skills. We want our children to flourish using Growth Mindset; and we want to build resilient, resourceful and reciprocal learners within a Christian ethos.

Our learners will develop a knowledge of key concepts through empathy and understanding of the world. They will have the strength and emotional wellbeing to help overcome challenges; and will be taught the values of being global, Christian citizens.

St James' Core Christian Values: Respect, Responsibility, Community, Friendship, Forgiveness and Courage

Year Group Concept	Community	Change	Creativity	
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	
Reception Diversity	Theme: All About Me Big Question: "Who am I?" Authentic Outcome: to settle into school and make new friends, developing their communication and language skills, growing in confidence, and resulting in a nativity performance with their new classmates. Critical Audience: parents invited to watch the school nativity.	Theme: People Who Help Us Big Question: "How do different people in our community help us?" Authentic Outcome: a presentation to parents, show-casing our learning. Learning Outcome: to understand that there are many jobs that people do to help our community to function. Critical Audience: parents invited in to an assembly.	SUMMER 1 Theme: Minibeasts Big Question: Which patterns can you find in nature? Authentic Outcome: minibeast ball / celebration to end the topic. Learning Outcome: to value all living things, learn to care for the environment and understand a basic life cycle.	SUMMER 2 Theme: Once Upon a Time Big Question: How can we create a good story? Authentic Outcome: Write / perform own fairy tales in class. Learning Outcome: to enjoy and retell a range of traditional tales, developing story language. Critical Audience: share work with peers / Y1.
Year 1 Strength	Theme: Superheroes! Big Question: What makes a superhero? Authentic Outcome: Superhero puppets, 3D model of Harlow Town using recycled materials, Rocky Road cake. Critical Audience: Parents/carers	Theme: Understanding chronology/changes over time Castles! Big Question: Who am I? Do you have to be rich and powerful to live in a castle? Authentic Outcome: Creating personal timelines using family pictures, Trip to Mountfitchet castle. Critical Audience: Peers	Theme: AFRICA! Big Question: What is African Art? Authentic Outcome: A range of African themed Art work in the style of Edward Tingatinga. Children to produce clay pots, African fruit kebabs. Trip to Colchester Zoo to see real life African Animals. Critical Audience: Parents/carers	
Year 2 Care	Theme: All at Sea Big Question: Is it beautiful living by the sea? Authentic Outcome: exhibition of work Critical Audience: parents/carers	Theme: People and Events that have changed Britain Big Question: How have significant people and events from the past changed Britain? Authentic Outcome: Class Museum Critical Audience: Buddy class and parents	Theme: The Magic of Nature Big Question: Why is nature special? Authentic Outcome: Art Gallery Critical Audience: Parents/carers	
Year 3 Consequence	Theme: Volcanoes / Italy Big Question: Why do people live near Volcanoes? Authentic Outcome: Volcano Museum Critical Audience: Parents Museum.	Theme: Early Britain (Stone-Age and The Romans) Big Question: What does it mean to survive? Authentic Outcome: Early Britain Museum Critical Audience: Year 2 (Children to complete feedback form on museum visit).	Theme: Artists through history. Big Question: How does Art make us feel? How do artists express their feelings/emotions? How do artists represent history? Authentic Outcome: Art Gallery- Whole School. Critical Audience: Parents and children to come and view. Feedback to be given to class.	
Year 4 Influence	Theme: The Rainforest Big Question: How do our actions affect other environments in the world? Authentic Outcome: TV documentary about how to protect the rainforest. Send to Year 5 to give feedback Critical Audience: Year 5	Themes: The Tudors and Ancient Greece Big Question: How has the past influenced us today? Authentic Outcome: Ancient Greece enrichment day and food tasting. Class History Museum Critical Audience: Parents/Carers	Theme: Freedom of Expression Big Question: What does it mean to have freedom? Authentic Outcome: Art gallery. Create a storyboard to share with other year groups Critical Audience: Peers	



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<p>Year 5</p> <p>Power</p>	<p>Theme: Fair Trade and the Water Cycle</p> <p>Big Question: What does it mean to be powerful?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: Presentation to Year 2</p> <p>Critical Audience: Year 2</p>	<p>Theme: Benin and West African Kingdoms/Comparing Ancient Civilisations and Ancient Egypt</p> <p>Big Question: Do artefacts belong in a museum?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: Class Museum</p> <p>Critical Audience: Parents/Carers</p>	<p>Theme: Space</p> <p>Big Question: Are we alone?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: Music composition based on the theme of space. Art gallery</p> <p>Critical Audience: Parents/Carers</p>
<p>Year 6</p> <p>Resilience</p>	<p>Theme: Coastal erosion and landforms</p> <p>Big Question: Is change inevitable?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: SUSHI / INTERNATIONAL DAY PRESENTATION</p> <p>Critical Audience: WHOLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>Theme: World War 2 and Victorians</p> <p>Big Question: WHAT ROLE DID THE MEDIA PLAY IN HISTORY?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: HOLOCAUST EXHIBITION</p> <p>Critical Audience: PARENTS/CARERS</p>	<p>Theme: Windrush Empire</p> <p>Big Question: CAN DREAMS EVER BE A REALITY?</p> <p>Authentic Outcome: ART EXHIBITION</p> <p>Critical Audience: PARENTS/CARERS</p>