

Year 2 Topic Overview Document

Year: 2023 - 2024

Our Vision Statement:

At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.

Curriculum Drivers						
Use of technology 	The Natural World 		Diversity 		Health and Well-being 	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic Title/Driver	Ourselves	London	Survival	The Past	Plants	Australia
Cross-curricular links	<p>Science – offspring and changes to our bodies</p> <p>DT – healthy eating – different foods and where do they come from</p> <p>History – local area,</p> <p>Geography – where we live</p>	<p>Science – Identifying materials and properties</p> <p>DT – Bread making</p> <p>History - Samuel Pepys, The great Fire of London</p> <p>Art - Banksy</p> <p>PE – invasion games</p>	<p>Science – Identifying the suitability of materials</p> <p>DT – Moon buggies (wheels)</p> <p>History - Tim Peake Ann Bancroft</p> <p>Art- Jackson Pollock</p> <p>PE – dance</p>	<p>Science – Living, Dead, never been alive.</p> <p>DT: pop up food chains (levers)</p> <p>History – Queen Victoria and Emmeline Pankhurst Woman’s rights</p>	<p>Science – plants, micro habitats and minibeasts</p> <p>Art – Van Gogh (Sunflowers)</p> <p>Art/DT - Making minibeasts, sculpture</p> <p>History – local history of Valley Gardens</p>	<p>Science – Animals and food chains</p> <p>Art – Aboriginal Art</p> <p>DT – Making boats</p> <p>Geography – Continents, oceans, seas</p>



	Art – Picasso self portraits PE – Throwing and Catching PSHE – Family and relationships RE – Belonging to a faith community	Geography – capital cities of the UK and National Flowers PSHE – Health and Wellbeing RE - Judaism	PSHE – Health and Wellbeing & Safety and the changing body RE - Judaism	Geography – locating landmarks in Harrogate map work Art – Andy Warhol PSHE – Safety and the changing body & Citizenship PE – Gymnastics RE – Special and sacred times	Geography – map work and compass points PSHE – Citizenship & Economic Wellbeing PE – Striking and fielding RE – Sacred books	PSHE – Economic wellbeing & Transition PE – Athletics RE – Caring for others
Significant Individuals	Picasso Marie Curie	Banksy Samuel Pepys	Tim Peake Ann Bancroft Jackson Pollock	Emmeline Pankhurst Queen Victoria Andy Warhol	Greta Thunberg Van Gogh (Sunflowers)	Aboriginal Artists~ Rover Thomas & Emily Kame Kngwarreye Captain Cook
Core text	Forever star My Beautiful Voice Little People, Big Dreams: Marie Curie	Coming to England Paddington in London The Great Fire of London	The Sea of Tranquility How to Survive Anywhere The Marvellous Moon map Counting on Katherine	Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World Queen Victoria Milo Imagines the World	Sam Plants a Sunflower Everything You Know About Minibeasts is Wrong! Greta and the Giants	Meet the Oceans The Brilliant Deep Leo and the Octopus
Key Question	Who am I and where do I come from?	What is so special about London?	Could I survive an expedition?	What came before us?	How does your garden grow?	Where would you rather live?



Launch event	Showcase – “bring something special to your family” 11 th September	Mystery suitcase – who does it belong to and where has he been? Paddington’s suitcase.	Valley Gardens – Orienteering Trip	Free walking tour? Pump rooms – self guided tour?	“Future Fridays” – Links with Green Team: Greta Thunberg link	Can we make a link with a school in Australia? Flight to Australia – landmarks etc placed around so school. Children go on a tour around ‘Australia’ Uluru Sydney Opera house Wildlife
Learning Showcase	Parents in to see the project	Art/DT showcase		KS1 Show - TBC		KS1 Garden party – Around the World theme
Additional trips/visitors or details	Asda visit Valley Gardens walk	Pantomime: 28.11.23	PSHE: bright bites oral health education	History walk in Valley Gardens	PSHE: citizenship Natwest workshop? HSBC visit	