





Year 2 Topic Overview Document

Year: 2025 - 2026

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		Plants	Great Fire of London	Australia	Monarchs
Cross-curricular links						
English	Poetry	Instructions	Character Description	Setting Description	Fictional Narrative	Fictional narrative
	Expanded noun phrases	Tenses	Non-Chronological Report	Diaries	Recount	
Maths	Place Value	Subtraction	Money	Length and height	Fractions	Statistics
	Addition	Shape	Multiplication and division	Mass, capacity and temperature	Time	Position and direction
Science	Animals including humans		Plants	Everyday materials	Living things and their habitats	
History		Birth period		Great Fire of London		Royal Reign (past and present)

		Why is Harrogate famous?				
Geography	Locational knowledge		Human and physical features		Place knowledge	
Art	Textiles (not sewing) – collages		Painting (landscapes)		Drawing (landmarks)	
D.T.		Food and nutrition – health plate		Mechanisms – fire engines (wheels)		Pop up portraits
Religion & World Views	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?		Who is Jewish and what do they believe?	How should we care for others and why does it matter?	What can we learn from sacred books?	Who is Hindu and how do they live?
Computing	Computing systems and networks – IT around us	Creating media – digital photography <i>Photo editor – Be Funky</i>	Programming – Robot Algorithms <i>Spheros</i>	Data and information – pictograms <i>Freeform</i>	Programming – An introduction to quizzes <i>Scratch Jnr</i>	Creating Media – Digital music <i>Garage Band</i>
Music	Call and response	Instruments	Singing	Contrasting dynamics	Structure	Pitch
French						
P.E.	Throwing and catching	Invasion games	Gymnastics	Dance	Striking and fielding	Athletics
PSHE	Families and relationships	Health and wellbeing	Safety and the changing body	Safety and the changing body Citizenship	Citizenship	Economic Wellbeing Transition
iPad WOW Project				Stop Motion – Great Frie of London		Green Screen – Royal News Report
Significant Individuals	Stephen Hawking	Tilly Ramsay The Ogden Family	Greta Thunberg	Samuel Pepys	Captain Cook	Queen Elizabeth II Queen Victoria

Core text	My Beautiful Voice I don't like poetry!	Can I Build Another Me?	Everything you know about minibeasts is wrong!	The Great Fire of London	Greta and the Giants Meet the Oceans	The Queen's Knickers
Key Question	<i>What makes me unique?</i>		<i>What can I find in my garden?</i>	<i>Would the Great Fire of London happen now?</i>	<i>Is Australia a country or a continent?</i>	<i>Were Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria good monarchs?</i>
Launch event	Family Photo Workshop		Earth Squad – Presentation about Mrs Blake's Garden			Royal Tea Party in classrooms
Resource need	Collage materials	Food for D.T.	Seeds, soil & gardening tools	Dowels, plastic wheels & materials for D.T.	Sketch pencils	Table cloths, bunting, flags
Learning Showcase		Digital Interviews – each child answer the key question	Presentation on how to plant a sunflower			Royal Street Party
Additional trips/visitors or details	St Peter's Church	Pantomime	Valley Gardens	Great Fire of London- The Drama Hut	Yorkshire Wildlife Park	
Fundraising	Christmas photo booth <i>Each night after school for a week. Sign up on Arbor</i>		Teddy Bear Sale <i>Maximum of 2 teddies</i>		Whole School Fundraising	