





Year 1 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		Space	Plants	Dinosaurs	Africa
Cross-curricular links						
English	Combine words to make a sentence. Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense.	Combine words to make a sentence. Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense. Begin to use adjectives to describe.	Combine words to make a sentence. Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and make suggested changes. Use adjectives to describe. Begin to use the conjunction 'and'.	Sequence simple sentence structures to form a short narrative(real or fictional). Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and make suggested changes. Use adjectives to describe. Use conjunctions.	Sequence simple sentence structures to form a short narrative(real or fictional). Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and make suggested changes. Use adjectives to describe. Use conjunctions. Begin to use some features of different text types.	Sequence simple sentence structures to form a short narrative(real or fictional). Re-read their writing to check that it makes sense and make suggested changes. Use adjectives to describe. Use conjunctions. Use some features of different text types.

Maths	Place value Geometry	Addition and subtraction Length and height	Place value within 20 Addition and subtraction within 20	Place value within 50 Mass and volume	Multiplication and division Fractions Position and direction	Place value within 100 Money Time
Science	Senses Human body	Seasons (Autumn and Winter)	Materials Seasons (Spring)	Plants	Herbivores, carnivores and omnivores Seasons (Summer)	Animal groups
History		Toys	Moon landing and ISS		Dinosaur discovery	
Geography	Locational knowledge			Skills and fieldwork		Human and physical features
Art	Drawing – Self-portraits			3D form/sculpture - Clay minibeasts		Structure – African animals
D.T.		Textiles – Teddy bear blankets	Structure - Rockets		Printing – Dinosaur prints	
Religion & World Views	Who is a Christian and what do they believe?		Who is Muslim and what do they believe?	How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter?	What makes some places sacred?	
Computing	Technology around us - Data information	Programming – Moving a robot: Spheros	Presenting – Introduction to Keynote	Digital media – Painting Sketches	Programming – Introduction to animation: Scratch Jnr	Digital writing - Pages
Music	Keeping the pulse	Tempo	Dynamics	Sound patterns	Pitch	Musical symbols
French						
P.E.	Fitness	Ball skills	Gymnastics	Dance	Team Games	Athletics
PSHE	Setting ground rules / families and relationships	Health and wellbeing	Safety and the changing body	Citizenship	Economic wellbeing	Transition

iPad Showcase					iMovie	Stop Motion
Significant Individuals	Jack Laugher	Ole Kirk Christiansen (Lego Inventor)	Neil Armstrong Mae Jemison Tim Peake	Andy Goldsworthy	Mary Anning	Nelson Mandela
Core texts	PSED Texts FunnyBones	Traction Man is Here Lost in the Toy Museum: An Adventure	Field Trip to the Moon The Spacesuit Little People, Big Dreams: Mae Jemison	My Butterfly Bouquet Jack and the Beanstalk A Seed is Sleepy	There's a T-Rex in Town! The Girl and the Dinosaur Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Palaeontologist	Handa's Surprise Our Story Starts in Africa Meerkat Mail
Key Question	Who am I?		How do astronauts get to space?	What can I find in my garden?	Who discovered the Ichthyosaurus fossil?	Where would you rather live?
Launch event	Brown paper bag – filled with objects that represent them	Old Toy Suitcase	Alien Invasion	Butterflies	Dinosaur Hunt	Sun Valley School – Zoom Call
Resources needed	Sketch pencils, charcoal and water colours	Old Toys, needles, thread, Binca, felt and decorations.	Junk modelling resources and masking tape.	Clay, natural materials, caterpillars and a caterpillar net x2.	Foam and tissue paper.	Junk modelling resources and masking tape.
Learning Showcase		Grandparents Stay and Play	Astronaut Day	Butterfly release party – Decorate wings	Dinosaur iMovie share with Year 5/6	KS1 Summer Showcase

Additional trips/visitors or details	Valley Gardens	Pantomime	WonderDome	Harlow Carr	Trinity Church Visit	Askham Bryan
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 Fundraiser	