Avenue Junior School

Whole School Curriculum Document 2025- 2026

YEAR 3						
Term	**Autumn 1**	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Topic	**Explorers** What does it take to be an explorer?	**Stone Age** Stone Age Societies; Savage of Civilised?	**Sustainability** How are we changing the planet?	**ART** What can we learn from art?	**Ancient Egypt** Why is the River Nile important to Ancient Egypt?	**Ancient Egypt** What was daily life like for the Ancient Egyptians?
Literature Spine	First to the Top Varjak Paw	Stig of the Dump	One Plastic Bag The Tempest	Cicada by Shaun Tan Graphic Novels Poetry	Marcy and the Sphinx A variety of information texts	Early Civilisations: Egyptian Life So you think you've got it bad?
English	Diary Entry Setting Description	Narrative Informal Letter Balanced Arguments	Advert Podcast Script Play	Formal letters Poetry Structured Poster	Instructional Writing Narrative.	Non-Chronological Report
Maths	Number Place Value Addition Subtraction	Place Value Addition Subtraction Multiplication Division	Multiplication Division Fractions Length Perimeter	Fractions Decimals Length and Perimeter	Mass, Capacity and Volume. Adding and subtracting fractions	2D and 3D shapes. Money Roman Numerals

Science	Light	Rocks	Forces	Forces	Plants	Animals including humans
Humanities (History & Geography)	Maps; grid references, keys, symbols Practical mapping skills Famous Arctic Explorers – Matthew Henson and Robert Peary.	Understanding rock formation; sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. Paleolithic and Neolithic time periods Chronology and timelines.	Sustainability and recycling. Climate zones Climate change and the greenhouse effect Renewable Energy	Different artistic movements throughout history. Roy Lichtenstein and William T Williams	Waterways as a means for transportation and trade Physical geography of Egypt Digital Mapping Compass Directions	Using historical evidence to learn about life in Ancient Egypt Differences between rich and poor. Learning about Egyptian past-times.
Art and Design		Cave Drawings – pastels, chalks, charcoal.	Creating technical, annotated sketches.	Pop Art – use of primary colours and Ben Day dots. Exploration of various artistic skills and use of different media.	Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs.	
Design Technology		Sewing – Creating a Stone Age inspired pouch.	Creating puppets		Egyptian foods. Taste and evaluate existing foods. Creating Egyptian inspired foods.	Linkages and levers. Evaluating the effectiveness of a Shaduf. Designing an alternative product.
RE	How do people express commitment to a religion/ worldview in different ways?	What is the Trinity?	What is philosophy? How do people make moral decisions?	What do Muslims believe about God?	What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?	Reflective activities to promote discussion about world events.

French	Greetings and introduction to French culture	Animals	Instruments	'I am able to…' 'I know how to…'	Ice creams	Fruits and Vegetables
PSHE	Transition Building Friendships School Rules	Families and relationships Anti-bullying week.	Dental health Sleep routines Mental Health Asking for help. Consent	Drugs and alcohol education Understanding that household products and prescription medicines can be harmful	Healthy online and personal relationships Identifying Trusted adults	Body Changes Cleanliness and personal hygiene Peer pressure Sun safety
PE	Dance	Gymnastics	Net and Wall Games	Athletics	Gymnastics	Attacking and defending
Computing	Introduction to computers, basic computing skills and online safety.	Exploring the difference between electrical and digital devices	Introduction to Scratch, basic coding/sequences and ordering commands.	Creating media using technology. Stop frame animation.	Digital Publishing. Manipulating text and images.	Programming Events and Actions
Music	Musical instruments and their families	Vocal Chords – what are they and how to we look after them? Singing in harmony	Creating percussion instruments from recycled materials.	Exploring the composer Anna Clyde Creating a graphic score. Ukulele introduction	Songs about Ancient Egypt Reading pitch and rhythm notation.	Recorder introduction Reading pitch and rhythm notation

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YEAR 4						
Term	**Autumn 1**	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Topic	**Extreme Earth** How do plate tectonics shape our planet?	**Seeking Sanctuary** How has migration shaped our lives?	**The Romans** How Roman are we?	**The Saxons** How did the Saxons change life in East Anglia and what lasting effects remain?	**The Vikings** Why did the Vikings come to the British Isles?	**Climate Change** How does climate change affect our local area and what can we do about it?
Literature Spine	The Firework Makers Daughter	The Boy at the Back of the Class	Romulus and Remus Boudicca	Beowulf	Viking Boy	The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind
English	Descriptive narrative Informal Letter	Diary entries Newspaper reports	Myths Non-Chronological Reports Persuasive Speech	Narratives Poetry (Kennings)	Formal, persuasive letter Essay	Narrative Podcast – script writing
Maths	Place value Partitioning Addition Subtraction Rounding	Multiplication and division. Multiplying by 1 and 0	Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Multiplication and division Perimeter and distance	Fractions – comparing and ordering. Improper fractions Equivalent fractions Adding and subtracting fractions	Decimals and Fractions Rounding Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.	Time Geometry – directions, angles and symmetry Statistics
Science	States of Matter	Electricity	Sound		Animals, including humans	Living things and their habitats

Humanities (History & Geography)	Using atlases Tectonic plates Volcanic eruptions Physical Geography Evaluating the validity of different historical sources	Using maps Human and physical geographical features	Using maps to identify where the Romans settled. The Roman invasion of Britain. Boudicca's rebellion	4 figure grid references Identify Anglo-Saxon settlements and their place names. How and where did the Anglo-Saxons live?	Where did the Vikings invade and settle? Compass directions How did the UK's physical geography aid the Viking invasion?	Trends in climate data. Presenting information. Climate and weather. Climate zones and biomes Grid references
Art and Design	Tint, tone and shade Hokusai's Great Wave	Collagraph printing			Dragon figure heads – Viking Long Boats.	Observational Drawings Scale and proportion
Design Technology	Working with different tools, equipment and materials to create a model volcano.	Electrical quiz boards		Sewing purses	Viking Brooches	
RE	Where do Christian beliefs come from?	What do we mean by truth? Is Seeing believing?	What do we mean by truth? Is seeing believing?	How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond?	Why is there so much diversity of belief within Christianity?	What does sacrifice mean?
French	Presenting myself	My Family	Goldilocks	In the Classroom	At the Tea Room	What is the weather?
PSHE	Positive relationships Managing tricky feelings Online safety	Families Respectful relationships Zones of Regulation	Different types of relationship Secrets Appropriate touch	Drugs, alcohol and tobacco Health education	Mental wellbeing Water safety	Changes during puberty

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PE	Healthy Body and Mind	Gymnastics	Dance	Net and Wall Games	Fielding and Striking	Athletics
Computing	Online safety Information sharing Reliability of online material	Planning, modifying and testing commands using Logo.	Selecting the appropriate software to collect, analyse, evaluate and present data	Editing digital images. Ethical considerations around image editing.	Programming Using repetition within sequences	Programming Scratch
Music	Singing Rhythm and beat	Phrasing and breath. How to use our chest and head voices.	Basic recorders skills Reading basic pitch and rhythm notation	Singing; singing in harmony and refining performances Recorder skills Improvisation	Basic ukulele skills; strumming and picking	Air drumming Composing on the keyboards

YEAR 5						
Term	**Autumn 1**	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Topic	**Rainforests** What Makes Rainforests Remarkable?	**Benin Kingdom** What Makes Rainforests Remarkable? The Kingdom of Benin	**Community** What Influences Our Community?	**Crime and Punishment** Did The Punishment Always Fit The Crime?	**Space** Which hidden or overlooked figures have made important contributions to space travel, and why are their stories important to remember today?	**Ancient Greece** How did the Ancient Greeks' achievements in democracy and sports shape their lasting legacy?
Literature Spine	Michael Morpurgo: Kensuke's Kingdom Mitch Johnson: Toxic	Dinah Orji: Children of the Benin Kingdom	Thomas Taylor: Malamander	Ally Sherrick: Black Powder Alfred Noyes: The Highwayman	Margot Lee Shetterly: Hidden Figures Kate Pankhurst: We Are All Astronauts	William Shakespeare: Troilus and Cressida Maz Evans: Who Let the Gods Out
English	Informal Letters Fictional Setting and Character Descriptions	Journalistic Article Persuasive Letters	Recounts Diary Entry Persuasive Writing	Diary entries Narratives	Biographies Instructions	Persuasive Speech Myths Recount
Maths	Place value Addition Subtraction Rounding	Multiplication Fractions – equivalent fractions, converting and comparing fractions.	Multiplication Division Fractions – ordering fractions.	Fractions Decimals Percentages	Area and Perimeter Decimals Properties of shape	Position and direction Measures – converting units Volume

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Science	Living things and their habitats	Lifecycles Plants and pollination Adaptation	Properties and changes of materials Investigating changes	Forces Gravity Friction – air and water resistance Levers and pulleys	Earth and Space	Animals, including humans
Humanities (History & Geography)	The Amazon: using atlases, climate, physical and human geography, deforestation	The ancient kingdom of Benin	Local area study: Norwich	Crime and punishment through the Anglo- Saxons, Tudors and Victorians	The Cold War and the Space Race	Ancient Greeks – how their impact is still felt in today's society
Art and Design	Botanical drawing	Clay sculpture inspired by the Benin bronzes	Tessellation Graffiti Art	Artist Study – Keith Harring, Knapple and Banksy	Abstract Art – Peter Thorpe	Greek vases and printing
RE	Is believing in God reasonable?	What can we learn about the world from the great philosophers?		What do Hindus believe?	How has belief in Christianity / Islam impacted on music and art throughout history?	What difference does resurrection make to Christians?
French	My Family	The Date	What is the weather?	Do you have a pet?	My Home	Habitats
PSHE and PATHS	Families and people who care for me. Tricky friendships	Caring relationships and online relationships	Consent and why this is important	Health and Fitness Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	Mental health and wellbeing. Puberty	Basic first aid Puberty – emotional and physical changes.

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PE	Net and Wall Games	Fielding and Striking	Dance	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Athletics
Computing	Computer systems E-safety	Filming techniques Editing recorded sequences	Programming – using 'if… then… else…' instructions	Spreadsheets and databases to collect and record data	Using vector drawings and creating images	Coding - designing, writing and debugging.
Music	Orchestra – exploring the different musical families.	Exploring rhythm and notation	How do we use the ukulele to accompany songs?	Musician study - Grażyna Bacewicz and Leonard Bernstein	2 Part Singing and choral performances	Preparation for end of year production. Choral singing.

YEAR 6						
Term	**Autumn 1**	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Topic	**Art Study** How is East Anglia seen through the eyes of artists?	**Tudors** What do we really know about the Tudors?	**Rivers and Mountains** How have rivers and mountains shaped stories and people through time?	**Trailblazers** Why do some stories remain untold and how can we give trailblazers the recognition they deserve?	**Geographical Study** How can places and people survive and thrive?	**Galápagos** Islands, Peaks and Plains: What makes the Galápagos Islands a unique place in the world?
Literature Spine	Floodland – Marcus Sedgwick	Macbeth	Lands of Belonging	She Persisted Around the World Legacies: Black British Pioneers	Holes – Louis Sachar	Travel Brochures Travel Blogs and Diaries
English	Diary entry Persuasive Speech Balanced Argument	Ballad Poem Narrative Non-Chronological Report	Setting Description Non-Chronological Report	Biographies Ghost Stories – Narratives	Travel Review Journalistic Article Setting Description	Travel Brochure Fact File Narrative Writing
Maths	Number: Place value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division	Number: Fractions – equivalents, comparing, simplifying, ordering, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing	Algebra and function machines Decimals – multiplying and dividing	Perimeter, Area & Volume. Statistics and data handling – interpreting graphs Averages	Statistics Geometry: Properties of Shape SATs revision	Maths investigations and real world problems Consolidation of key concepts
Science	Living things and their habitats	The circulatory system	The circulatory system - healthy living	Light	Electricity	Evolution and Inheritance Adaptation over time
Humanities (History & Geography)	The Broads: mapping, tourism, land use, Human and physical geography	The Tudor period in British history. Research and analysis of historical sources	River processes – erosion, deposition and transportation Latitude and Longitude Human and physical	Important females in history Research using historical sources Communicate historically	Locational knowledge – climate and habitats Geographical comparisons between two contrasting regions	Map skills including digital mapping Climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts and the impact of these on human

			geography Chronology Impact of geography on migration, conflict and identity.			activity and settlement patterns.
Art and Design	Exploring artistic composition Mixing colours Perspective using vanishing points	Tudor inspired portraits	Artistic Techniques – line, tone, texture and perspective. Brush strokes Landscape composition	Artist study – Yayoi Kusama. Clay sculpture	Cityscapes – urban landscape pictures	Line drawings inspired by 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' Narrative art and visual storytelling
Design Technology	Paper boats – exploring shell structures		Cooking linked to India and the Himalayas			Mechanical toys
RE	How do Buddhists explain suffering in the world?	What are the similarities and differences between the Christian denominations?		How do beliefs shape identity?		
French	At School	Healthy Lifestyle	At the weekend	Habitats	Vikings	Me in the World

PSHE and RSHE	Online relationships, Internet safety and harms Mental wellbeing	Healthy Eating	Respectful Relationships When and how to get help.	Families and People who Care for Me Drugs, alcohol and tobacco.	My changing adolescent body. Health and Prevention	Caring friendships Basic first aid
PE	Fielding and striking	Net and Wall Games	Invasion Games	Dance	Gymnastics	Athletics
Computing	Staying safe online Data – communication and collaboration	Constructing 3D digital models.	Scratch – coding using variables. Debugging and identifying errors in code.	Spreadsheets – organising information and using formula.	Spreadsheets – organising information and using formula.	Evaluating web pages Designing informative web pages
Music	Recorder Introduction Playing with an ensemble	What music sounds like in other parts of the world	Great composers	Great composers	2 Part Singing and preparation for the end of year performance	Preparation for the end of year performance