



Willow Tree
Academy

Curriculum Overview

Foundation Stage

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	<p>Topic: What Makes Me, Me? Key Themes to explore: All about me, my family, birthdays, harvest/autumn</p>	<p>Topic: Why do we celebrate? Key Themes to explore: Diwali, Halloween, Winter, Christmas</p>	<p>Topic: What makes a happy ending? Key Themes to explore: traditional tales, alternative tales</p>	<p>Topic: What happened a long time ago? Key Themes to explore: Dinosaurs, Chinese New Year, Castles & Princesses,, Easter/Spring</p>	<p>Topic: How does your garden grow? Key Themes to explore: Eid, growing, on the farm, minibeasts</p>	<p>Topic: Adventures Big question: Where will our adventure take us? Key Themes to explore: space, Under the sea, around the world</p>
Core texts - 2 year olds	The family book, Journey home from Grandpa's, Peter Rabbit Tales: Happy Birthday, Autumn	First Festivals: Diwali, The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Creepy Crawly Halloween, Squirrel's Snowman, Dear Santa/That's not my Christmas collection	Three little pigs, Goldilocks, Three Billy Goats Gruff	There's a Dinosaur in Your Book, Busy Chinese New Year, My Magical Castle, The Odd Egg	First Festivals: Ramadan, Supertato, On the Farm or Oh Dear, Mad about minibeast/I love bugs	How to catch a star, Hooray for fish, My world, your world
Key songs - 2s	Happy Birthday Miss Polly Wheels on the bus	Dingle dangle scarecrow Tommy Thumb We wish you a Merry Christmas	I'm a little teapot Hickory, dickory dock Row, row, row your boat	Happy Animal Choir The Little Green frog	Butterfly, lady bug (please use ladybird), bumble bee Old Macdonald had a farm Baa, baa black sheep	Twinkle, twinkle Grand old Duke of York
Core texts - F1	Elmer, We're going on a bear hunt, Kipper's Birthday, The Leaf Thief	Binny's Diwali Ever, Room on the Broom, Gruffalo's Child, Aliens love Panta Claus	Hansel & Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood, The Gingerbread Man	Stomp, Chomp, Big Roars! Here Come the Dinosaurs!, Runaway Wok, Zog, We're going on an egg hunt	Little Leena learns about Ramadan, Oliver's vegetables, Rosie's Walk/Squash and a squeeze, The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Whatever Next, What the ladybird heard at the seaside, The Lion Inside
Key songs - F1	1, 2, 3, 5 alive once I caught a fish alive 1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato 4 5 little speckled frogs 5 little ducks went swimming one day 5 currant buns 5 sausages	1 finger, 1 thumb 1, 2 buckle my shoe 2 little dickie birds Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes 5 snowmen	Three blind mice Three little kittens 4 teddy bears 5 fingers Little Puffer trains all in a row	Sing a song of sixpence I'm a little bean 5 cheeky monkeys swinging through the trees Alice the camel	One big hippo Humpty Dumpty One elephant went out to play Ring-a-roses London Bridge is falling down	Sleeping bunnies 5 cheeky monkeys jumping on the bed 5 little apples Zoom, zoom, zoom 5 little men in a flying saucer

Core texts - F2	What makes me, me?, Owl Babies, Cake, After the Storm	The Best Diwali Ever, Funnybones, Stickman, Christmasaurus	Hansel & Gretel Rebel Fairytales, Little Red, The Gingerbread Man 2: What happened next	Tyrannosaurus drip, I love Chinese New Year, Princess Scallywag and the Brave, Brave Knight, Supertato and the great Eggscape	The Most Exciting Eid, Jack and the beanstalk, What the ladybird heard, Superworm	Darkest Dark, Snail and the Whale/Tiddler/Rainbow Fish/Commotion in the ocean, Handa's Surprise
Key songs - F2	How many fingers This is the way we Walking, Walking	Rain, rain go away If you're happy and you know it	When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears	10 little dinosaurs Wag your tail	Farmers in his den Incy, Wincey spider	
Parental Engagement	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Supporting early reading/phonics <u>Parent Events</u> MacMillan Coffee Morning	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Mastering number at home using the CPA approach <u>Parent Events</u> Christmas stay and play Nativity Play	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Oral Health workshop - School Nursing <u>Parent Events</u>	<u>Parent Workshops</u> Sleep clinic <u>Parent Events</u> Easter stay and play/Egg Hunt World Book Day events	<u>Parent Workshops</u> How to manage challenging behaviour at home <u>Parent Events</u> Colour Dash	<u>Parent Workshops</u> <u>Parent Events</u> Beach party/teddy bears picnic Sports Day
Hook to engage children (2s/F1/F2)	Letter from a character asking for help to plan his birthday party	Invitation to a Halloween Party	Broken chair/empty porridge bowl in IRE area	Dinosaur eggs found in classroom	Caterpillars arrive, chick eggs arrive	Crashed rocket in IRE area/school grounds
Experiences from WTA Cultural Offer	I have been on a local visit i.e. parks, local places of interest, walks, woodlands, country parks and art galleries I have performed to an audience i.e big string, one voice, shakespeare, Rothervision, plays etc I have used a global goal within my topic to make the world a better place		I have expressed myself through art, drama, dance or singing I have had the experience of going out of school on a visit, residential or had a visitor into school,		I have had the experience of going out of school on a visit, residential or had a visitor into school, I have visited the local library	
Visits/Visitors	<u>Visits</u> Local Walk/Autumn walk in woods <u>Visitors</u> Bonfire Safety from Fire Service?	<u>Visits</u> Clifton Park to see Santa/Winter Walk <u>Visitors</u> Family breakfast with Santa	<u>Visits</u> <u>Visitors</u> Teeth brushing workshop - Early Help/School Nurse	<u>Visits</u> <u>Visitors</u> Road Safety Talk - PCSOs	<u>Visits</u> Wentworth Farm <u>Visitors</u> Bee Keeper	<u>Visits</u> Deep <u>Visitors</u> Adults from other countries
Celebration/ Showcase		Nativity for Parents/Carers	Decorating Gingerbread Men - including parents	Easter bonnet parade	Planting vegetables - including parents	Beach Party
NEMESIS	Shoebox Appeal		Singing at Local Residential Care Home		Raising money for an animal charity/Developing outdoor provision- The Great Big Help Out	

Key Stage 1

Cycle A	Y1 and Y2 - Follow Y1 Curriculum
Cycle B	Y1 and Y2 - Follow Y2 Curriculum

Year 1/2 Cycle A 2024/25	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>Topic: Around the World!</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography</p> <p>Big Questions: (How will I change the world?)</p> <p>Visit: Local walk (locational knowledge)/visitor into school: contrasting cultural experience</p> <p>Text: IRE: The Enchanted Wood (Enid Blyton 640L)/Jaqueline Wilson version? <small>*This topic immerses children in 5 different picture books to support learning in literacy, geography, winter display work, and other wider curriculum subjects as they travel around the world.</small></p> <p>Local text: Percy and the Park Keeper The Treasure Hunt European text: Pizza in Pienza Africa: Olu and Greta Asia: Desert Girl, Monsoon Boy Antarctic: Snow Tales by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> History: Geography: See above Science - Y2 ObjectivesAnimals, including humans</p>	<p>Topic: Our Capital City</p> <p>Big Question: What makes London special?</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Spring 1: Geography - Mapwork, locational knowledge Spring 2: History - Great Fire of London</p> <p>Visit: National Emergency Services Museum</p> <p>Text: Paddington visits London, Katie in London, Coming to England, Vlad</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> History - The Great Fire of London Science: Materials (Y1) Geography:</p>	<p>Topic: Marvellous mixtures</p> <p>Big Question: What Makes a Mixture Marvellous?</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Science</p> <p>Visit: Eureka! Or York Chocolate Story</p> <p>Text: George's Marvellous Medicine</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Plants (Y1/2) Geography: recycling/environment? History: Florence Nightingale (significant person) and health</p>

Year 1/2 Cycle B	Autumn	Spring	Summer
2025/26	<p>Topic: Fur, Feathers and Skin</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Science?</p> <p>Big Question: Should animals have the same rights as humans?</p> <p>Visit: Yorkshire Wildlife Park</p> <p>Text: Zoe's rescue zoo, Zoo, The view at the zoo</p> <p>Science: Y1 Objectives - living things and their habitats</p>	<p>Topic: Towers, tunnels, turrets</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History (Strand 3: Knowledge and Understanding)</p> <p>Big Question: Is my home, my castle?</p> <p>Visit: Bolsover Castle</p> <p>Text: The Boy Who Grew Dragons</p> <p>Science: Y1 Objectives - living things and their habitats</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science :Materials (Y2) Geography: physical/human features?</p>	<p>Topic: Land Ahoy!</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography</p> <p>Big Question: How is the seaside different from where I live?</p> <p>Visit: Cleethorpes</p> <p>Text: Lighthouse keeper Series/ Sally and the limpet</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> History: Holidays?- changes over time Geography: physical/human features? Science - Y1 animals including humans</p>

Seasonal Changes to be taught through the year - one lesson per term on the change of season.

Y3/4 LTP - 2 year cycle

Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 Cycle 1	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>Topic: Victorians</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History</p> <p>Big Questions: How has our past influenced our future?</p> <p>Visit: Cannon Hall Farm - Victorian Day Text: Street Child</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Geography: Science: Light and Shadows, Electricity</p>	<p>Topic: Where I belong</p> <p>Curriculum Driver: Local History and Geography History - Geography - Strand 1: Locational Knowledge</p> <p>Big Questions- What is my heritage?</p> <p>Visit: Sheffield visit on the tram Text: Meet me by the Steelmen/ Forged in Steel</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Forces and magnets/properties of materials</p>	<p>Topic: Farm to Fork</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography (Strand 3: Human and Physical Geography)</p> <p>Big Question- Where does the food we eat come from?</p> <p>Visit: Rand Farm/Whirlow Hall Farm day trip Residential: Whirlow Hall Farm/Rand Farm Text: Charlotte's Web</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Animals including humans/Plants</p>
Year 3/4 Cycle 2	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>Topic: Time Travellers (Bronze Age & Stone Age)</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History</p> <p>Big Questions: Who came before us?</p> <p>Visit: Creswell Crags</p> <p>Text: The Wild Way Home - Sophie Kirtley/Stig of the dump- Clive King,</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science - : Sound, Animals including Humans Geography:</p>	<p>Topic: One World Divided</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography</p> <p>Big Questions: (What divides our world?)</p> <p>Visit: Sherwood Forest</p> <p>Text: The Girl Who Stole an Elephant</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Living things and their habitats/ states of matter/ Food chains</p>	<p>Topic: The Great Plague</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History (Explore main events and changes in history, giving causes and consequences)</p> <p>Big Questions: How have medical breakthroughs changed lives?</p> <p>Visit: Eyam day trip Residential: Eyam residential</p> <p>Text: Children of Winter- Berlie Doherty, The cure for a crime</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science - electricity circuits linked to Operation Game or Plague/ Animals including human - medical breakthroughs</p>

Upper Key Stage 2

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Year 5	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>Topic: Stargazers</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Science - Earth and Space and Forces (to start and end the term)</p> <p>Big Questions: Are you alone in the universe?</p> <p>Visit: Leicester Space Centre/Star dome</p> <p>Text: Jamie Drake Equation/ Cosmic</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> History: Equality (Black History Month) Geography: Place Knowledge (doesn't need to link to topic necessarily)</p>	<p>Topic: Tudors/Elizabethans</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History (Describe causes and consequences of the main events, situations and changes in the period studied)</p> <p>Big Questions- Who shaped our history?</p> <p>Visit: Stratford Residential/ Manor Lodge</p> <p>Text: Treason</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Animals including humans, Living things and their habitats History -Strand 3: Knowledge and Understanding Strand 2: Interpreting and Investigating</p>	<p>Topic: Extreme Earth</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography (Rivers, Volcanoes, climate change, global warming)</p> <p>Big Question- What is the impact of our changing world?</p> <p>Visit: Local Area Walk - Greasbrough Dams/River Study</p> <p>Text: Into the Volcano</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science: Properties and changes of materials Life Cycles</p>

Year 6	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	<p>Topic: Coastal Invasions</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Geography (Fieldwork skills and mapwork)</p> <p>Big Questions: How do we protect our coastline?</p> <p>Visit: Coastal Day visit, Crucial Crew</p> <p>Residential: Northumberland</p> <p>Text:The Giant's Necklace, Kensuke's Kingdom</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science - Living things and their habitats and Electricity</p>	<p>Topic: How does war change lives?</p> <p>Curriculum driver: History (Sp 1) Describe and explain key historical changes. Explain and evaluate the causes and consequences of the main events, situations, and changes in the period studied.</p> <p>Big Questions: How Does War Change Lives?</p> <p>Visit: Eden Camp/Cannon Hall Farm/ WW2 Experience</p> <p>Text: Goodnight Mr. Tom/Once</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> Science - : Light incl parts of the eye Geography (Strand 1: Locational Knowledge) (Strand 3: Human and Physical Geography) (Sp 2)</p>	<p>Topic: What Makes Me Me?</p> <p>Curriculum driver: Science (Animals including humans and Evolution and Inheritance)</p> <p>Big Questions: What Makes Me Me?</p> <p>Visit:</p> <p>Text: The Final Year/Wonder</p> <p><u>Standalone subjects:</u> History: How has life in Britain changed since 1948? (Continuity and Change)</p>