Year 2 Curriculum Overview Cycle A

St Benet's RC Primary School

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	Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
SCIENCE	Investigating Living Things – identify & name living things & their habitats / describe how animals obtain food	Understanding plants – identify & name common plants / identify & name basic structure of flowering plants / describe how seeds & bulbs grow / describe what plants need to grow	Investigate materials – comparing & grouping everyday materials / identify & compare the suitability of a variety of materials
	Understand electrical circuits— appliances that use electricity/ construct a simple electrical circuit Scientific Enquiry	Scientific Enquiry	Investigate light & seeing – observe & name a variety of light sources Scientific Enquiry
ART & DESIGN	Portraits Looking at Andy Warhol pop art Artist study – Thomas Gainsborough	Time For Play – studying art which features people enjoying their hobbies/ past times Artist study - Georges Seurat - pointillism	The Beauty of Flowers Charcoal sketches Watercolours
		Stained glass linked to St Benet	Artist study – Georgia O'Keeffe
COMPUTING	Online safety & Exploring Purple Mash	Maze Explorers –using directional keys (2Go)	Coding – create a simple program using code blocks
	Grouping & Sorting	Animated Story Books –sounds & animation (2Create)	Spread sheets –understanding spread sheets (2Calculate)
	Pictograms Lego Builders –following & creating simple		Technology outside school
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	instructions What is DT? Describing the design process Structures – designing and making / thinking about stability & strength	Frame structures – thinking about beams, columns & slabs Making & investigating frames	Making slider mechanisms
GEOGRAPHY	Where do I live?	Local geography – map skills	Weather and seasons
	What will I see in my local area?	What type of home do I live in?	What is your favourite type of weather?
	What does my area look like on a map?	Is my local area a city, town or village?	Where in the world will you find hot weather?
			Why is it so cold/ How can we help animals?
			Dangerous weather
HISTORY	Toys: What toys do we enjoy playing with today?	Who was Mary Anning & what was her life like?	Who was Florence Nightingale?
	What toys did our grandparents play with?	What was Mary Anning's most important discovery?	How did Florence Nightingale improve the lives of soldiers?
	How have toys changed over time?	How and why will Mary Anning be remembered?	

	Victorian toys Why do people buy toys? What will toys of the future look like?		How and why will Florence Nightingale be remembered? Who was most influential: Mary Anning/Florence Nightingale? Why?
MUSIC	Charanga- Hey You! is written in an Old-School Hip Hop style for children to learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and to learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes. Charanga - Rhythm In The Way We Walk (Reggae style) and Banana Rap (Hip Hop style). Children will listen & appraise other styles of music and continue to embed the interrelated dimensions of music through games and singing.	Charanga - In The Groove demonstrates different styles of music. Children will learn six different styles: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Charanga - Round And Round, a Bossa Nova Latin style. Children will have an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked. *Peripatetic music sessions	Charanga – Your Imagination Children will listen and appraise. Charanga – Reflect, Rewind & Replay Listen and Appraise Classical music Play instruments within the song Improvisation using voices and instruments Composition Share and perform the learning that has taken place *Peripatetic music sessions
PE	Target Games	Gymnastics	Invasion Games
	Dance	Tag Games	

• As with all working documents, some changes may occur throughout each term.