



St Paul's C of E Academy Curriculum Overview 2017/2018



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	Why do you love me?	Splendid Skies	Fairytales	Being Healthy	Minibeasts	Seaside
Reception	I am Special	Castles and Magical Creatures	Superhero	Houses and Homes	The Scented Garden	All Around the World
Year One	Enchanted Woodland <i>Science Focus</i>	Moon Zoom <i>Art and Design Focus</i>	Dinosaur Planet <i>History Focus</i>	Splendid Skies <i>Science Focus</i>	Bright Lights, Big City <i>Geography Focus</i>	Memory Box <i>History Focus</i>
Year Two	Land Ahoy <i>Geography Focus</i>	Street Detectives <i>History Focus</i>	Beachcombers <i>Science Focus</i>	Bounce <i>PE focus</i>	Wriggle and Crawl <i>Science Focus</i>	Muck, Mess and Mixtures <i>Art and Design Focus</i>
Year Three	Gods and Mortals <i>History Focus</i>	Scrumdiddlyumptious! <i>Design and Technology Focus</i>	Tremors <i>Geography Focus</i>	Predator! <i>Science Focus</i>	Mighty Metals <i>Science Focus</i>	Flow <i>Geography Focus</i>
Year Four	Traders and Raiders <i>History Focus</i>	Burps, Bottom and Bile <i>Science Focus</i>	Blue Abyss <i>Art and Design Focus</i>	1066 <i>History Focus</i>	Potions <i>Science Focus</i>	Road Trip USA <i>Geography Focus</i>
Year Five	Peasants, Princes and Pestilence <i>History Focus</i>	Off with her head <i>History Focus</i>	Stargazers <i>Science Focus</i>	Allotment <i>Geography Focus</i>	Beast Creator <i>Science Focus</i>	Pharaohs <i>History Focus</i>
Year Six	Blood Heart <i>Science Focus</i>	A Child's War <i>History Focus</i>	Frozen Kingdom <i>Geography Focus</i>	Revolution <i>History Focus</i>	Darwin's Delights <i>Science Focus</i>	Gallery Rebels <i>Art and Design Focus</i>

Here at St Paul's C of E Academy we provide a creative curriculum around the Cornerstones curriculum.

The Cornerstones curriculum is a nationally recognised thematic approach to learning that is mapped to the Primary National Curriculum, ensuring comprehensive coverage of national expectations. The themes for each year group have been reviewed to ensure a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities are provided in all year groups.

We believe children learn best when they are encouraged to use their imagination and apply their learning to an engaging context. The Cornerstones curriculum provides a high level of challenge where children are required to solve problems, apply themselves creatively and express their knowledge and understanding effectively across the curriculum.

How it Works?

The Cornerstones curriculum teaches the foundation subjects within each year group using a themed approach. Each ILP (Imaginative Learning Project) has four stages: Engage, Develop, Innovate and Express. To find out more about these stages please click on the link through to the Cornerstones website:

<http://www.cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/Learning-Philosophy.aspx>

Since its implementation, the Cornerstones curriculum was a huge success with the pupils' and staff last year. We have no doubt that they will continue to enjoy their new topics this year.

Phonics and Reading at St Paul's

In the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One we follow the Letters and Sounds phonics scheme that gives us a progression approach for the teaching of systematic phonics. This is supported by 'Jolly Phonics' which is a scheme that has action rhymes for each sound as this helps the children to remember the letter sounds with greater ease. All of the children have daily phonics session.

We use a number of different reading schemes to offer breadth across each level however our main reading scheme is the Oxford Reading Tree. The reading books are banded into colours depending on the difficulty of the text. Early reading books require children to interpret the pictures and then build onto phonetically decoding words. Books are selected at the appropriate level for children's reading and comprehension ability. It is important that children read a range of books including stories, poems, plays and non-fiction texts.