

At Outwoods Primary School, we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which excites, engages and motivates our pupils. Many subjects such as History, Geography, D&T, Art, Computing, Music and Science are connected by themes and are mapped to the National Curriculum requirements. In Key Stage Two the children are introduced to a foreign language, either French or Spanish. All children have two PE lessons per week, which can include swimming and RE is taught in line with the locally agreed syllabus.

Across each key stage, in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, cross curricular themes are taught through a range of topics. New topics are introduced with a 'Launch Day' - when the children are immersed into their new topic through a range of exciting and 'hands-on' experiences. In addition to this, the children have other memorable learning experiences to enhance topics, these may include: educational visits, visitors into school and themed dressing up days.

Where appropriate, links have been made between the topics and our Mathematics and English curriculum. Meaningful writing experiences, linked to topic work, are planned and focus texts for English lessons are matched to topic themes.

Foundation Stage Curriculum

<u>Term</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>
Autumn 1	Marvellous Me	Marvellous Me
Autumn 2	Let's Celebrate and Who Is Coming On Christmas Night?	Let's Celebrate and Who Is Coming On Christmas Night?
Spring 1	Once Upon A Time	Ahoy There!
Spring 2	All Creatures Great and Small	All Creatures Great and Small
Summer 1	Roots Shoots and Muddy Boots	Once Upon A Time
Summer 2	Wish You Were Here....	Roots Shoots and Muddy Boots

Key Stage One Curriculum

<u>Term</u>	<u>Year One</u>	<u>Year Two</u>
Autumn 1	Explorers	Flight- Up, Up and Away! (including Super heroes)
Autumn 2	Great Expectations	Inferno! (The Great Fire of London)
Spring 1	Space	Into the Wardrobe
Spring 2	Living and Growing	Escape from Dinosaur Island
Summer 1	Fantasy Creatures	Nocturnal Animals
Summer 2	Canals	Minibeast Madness

Key Stage Two Curriculum

Term	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
Autumn 1	Shipwrecked! (Islands)	Superheroes and Villains (Historical People – real life heroes and villains)
Autumn 2	Revolution (Victorians)	Extreme Explorers
Spring 1	Bottoms, Burps and Bile (medicines)	Blood and Gore
Spring 2	Ice, Ice Baby (Antarctic)	Bombs, Blitzes and Blackouts
Summer 1	The Empire Strikes Back (Romans)	Book Topic (Based on a popular children's author)
Summer 2	A Journey Through the Jungle	It's All Greek To Me! (Ancient Greeks)

Themes and topics are reviewed and evaluated every year and may be changed to match special occasions and events or the interests of a particular group of children.

The school uses the Government's Letters and Sounds document to teach reading and phonics from Nursery onwards. This is supplemented by a number of other materials. We also use the Oxford Reading Tree and Rigby Star reading schemes as part of our reading system. During daily guided reading sessions the children can choose from a wide range of reading materials and novels. Children are strongly encouraged to take books home to read. The school has two libraries and we regularly refresh our reading stock with large loans from the Warwickshire Schools Library Service.

In Key Stage Two the children begin to learn a Modern Foreign Language. They learn French in Year Three and Year Five and Spanish in Year Four and Year Six. We have specialist teachers who come into school to teach Spanish and school staff teach French. There are four elements to learning a language and we assess children in each one of the elements:-

- Listening and Reading
- Speaking
- Writing
- Grammar and Vocabulary

Our aim is to make learning a language fun and engaging and to enable children to acquire a basic vocabulary in modern languages. Children join in with songs and rhymes, stories and poems and tune into and learn how to produce the sounds of the language. They develop the ability to form simple sentences of their own with relation to topics of close, personal interest such as self, family and pets. Over the course of KS2 they begin to develop confidence in writing from memory, building up to writing short paragraphs. Teachers make use of a wide variety of resources, including ICT, games, music, quizzes, pattern-finding and research materials.