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The Churchill School 2026-27 Year 1 Curriculum Map

	Subject	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
Year 1	Main Project (Geography or History)	Childhood Pupils explore everyday life and family structures today, learn about childhood in the 1950s, and create comparisons using artefacts and a range of historical sources.		Bright Lights, Big City Pupils explore the physical and human features of the United Kingdom, learn about the bright lights and big city of London, and create knowledge through an exciting journey into the capital.		School Days Pupils explore their school and local area, learn about Victorian school life, and create exciting comparisons with their own experiences today.	
	Science	Everyday Materials Pupils explore a range of natural and man-made materials, investigating their properties and how these determine their uses in everyday objects.	Human Senses Pupils explore the human body and senses, identifying body parts, how each sense works, and how senses help us stay safe.	Seasonal Change Pupils explore the four seasons, seasonal weather patterns, and day length, developing observational skills.		Plant Parts Pupils explore wild and garden plants, identifying their basic parts, observing growth and seasonal changes, and understanding how plants grow from seeds and bulbs.	Animal Parts Pupils explore different animal groups, identifying common body parts, diets.
	Art & Design	Mixing Colour: Funny Faces and Fabulous Features Pupils explore primary and secondary colours, portraiture, and collage techniques to create expressive self-portraits inspired by artists such as Frida Kahlo.		Rain and Sunrays Pupils explore primary and secondary colours and create textured collagraph prints, developing their compositions and personal choice of colour and style. Inspired by artists such as Amanda Snyder		Street View Pupils explore primary colours, layering, and 3D effects to create landscape artworks of streets and spaces, inspired by artists such as James Rizzi.	
	Geography	Our Wonderful World Our Wonderful World introduces children to basic geography through learning about physical and human features, maps and directions, the world and the UK, and exploring their local area.		Bright Lights, Big City Pupils explore maps and aerial views, identify physical and human features and landmarks, investigate their local area, and learn about cities, focusing on London as the UK's capital.		The Churchill School and its locality Within the School Days topic, Year 1 learn about The Churchill School and its local area by collecting information about their school and understanding how litter and pollution affect the environment and how they can help care for it.	
	History	Childhood Pupils will explore how childhood has changed over time by looking at key events like the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 and King Charles III's coronation in 2023, while also learning about timelines, family trees, and significant life events.		Bright Lights, Big City Pupils will learn how a bakery fire sparked the Great Fire of London in 1666 and explore its impact on the city and its people.		School Days Pupils will explore the differences between life today and in the Victorian era, learning about Victorian school life, lessons, and important figures like Samuel Wilderspin, while also using historical artefacts to understand the past.	
	Design & Technology	Shade and Shelter Pupils learn about the purpose and materials of shelters by designing, making and evaluating shelter prototypes, including building a play den as part of a group project.		Taxi! Pupils explore how wheels, axles and a chassis work together by designing and making a moving taxi.		Chop, Slice and Mash Pupils learn about sources of food and basic food preparation skills by designing and making a supermarket sandwich to meet given design criteria.	
	RE	Bahá'í Who is God to Bahá'ís?	Christianity What gifts might a Christian in my town have to give Jesus if he had been born here rather than in Bethlehem?	Buddhism Why is the story of the Buddha important to some Buddhists?	Christianity Why was Jesus welcomed like a king or celebrity on Palm Sunday?	Ethical Veganism What do vegans believe?	Sanatana Dharma (Hinduism) Who is God to Sanatanis?

	Computing	Technology Around Us Pupils explore technology in school, learning to recognise digital devices, use them responsibly, and identify the main parts of computers and laptops.	Digital Painting Pupils explore digital art by choosing appropriate tools within a program and comparing digital artwork with non-digital methods.	Digital Writing Pupils explore creating and formatting text on a computer and compare digital writing with writing by hand..	Grouping Data Pupils explore how objects can be labelled, sorted, and grouped by different properties..	Moving a Robot Pupils explore writing and predicting short algorithms to control and program floor robots.	Programming Animations Pupils explore designing and programming on-screen characters to move and tell simple stories..
	PSHE (Jigsaw)	Being Me in My World Pupils explore feelings of belonging, responsibility and pride, learning how to be safe, follow the Learning Charter, and work together as a class.	Celebrating Difference Pupils explore similarities and differences, learn how to deal with bullying, make new friends, and celebrate everyone's uniqueness.	Dreams and Goals Pupils explore setting and achieving goals, working with others, overcoming challenges, and celebrating their successes.	Healthy Me Pupils explore how to keep healthy and safe, make good lifestyle choices, and understand the link between health and happiness.	Relationships Pupils explore friendships, family, special relationships, self-respect, and how to be a kind and caring friend.	Changing Me Pupils explore life cycles, body changes, differences between sexes, and how to cope with change and personal growth.
	PE	Fundamentals	Dance	Yoga	Gymnastics	Athletics	Team Building
	Games	Ball Skills	Invasion games	Net and Wall	Target Games	Striking and Fielding	Sending & Receiving
	Spanish	Pupils are introduced to Spanish through songs, stories and simple spoken words, developing an interest in learning another language. They begin to recognise different sounds and learn basic vocabulary such as greetings and numbers while exploring Spanish culture.					
	Music	Harvest Festival Pupils use their voices expressively to perform songs as part of a whole-school celebration, developing confidence, listening skills and a sense of community.	Christmas Showcases Pupils develop their singing and performance skills by learning and performing a range of songs in different styles, demonstrating musical expression and ensemble awareness.	Great Fire of London Pupils explore beat, rhythm and dynamics by listening to, creating and performing music inspired by the Great Fire of London.	Jupiter Pupils learn to keep a steady pulse and explore tempo and dynamics by performing and creating music inspired by Holst's *Jupiter* and Richard Strauss.	Glockenspiels Pupils learn how to play the glockenspiel, keeping a steady beat and playing simple tunes and songs together for a performance.	Musical Theatre Listening to musical theatre pieces and learning some facts about a musical theatre composer. Singing a simple piece of musical theatre as a group.