

ST PETER'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

INSPIRE, ENRICH, ACHIEVE



Year 5/6 - Year A

Autumn 1	Autumn 1	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p><u>Stargazers</u></p> <p>Journey through space, the final frontier. Navigate beyond the Sun, the magnificent, blazing star at the centre of our Solar System. Investigate the eight planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Take a look at the Moon, a celestial body that orbits Earth. Compare the times of day at different places on the Earth and use GPS satellite navigation systems to track hidden treasure. Get in a spin making simple models of the Solar System and listen to the haunting sounds of space themed songs. Exploring space is probably the greatest adventure that humankind has ever undertaken. Are we alone? Or are there other life forms out there?</p>	<p><u>Peasants, Princes and Pestilence</u></p> <p>Flee your fields, close your doors and pull up the drawbridge. The dreaded and deadly Great Pestilence is here. Mount your steed and gallop through the dark and deadly world of 14th century Britain, sword and shield at the ready, pledging your allegiance to king and country. Rouse your troops with promises of bloody battle and violent jousts. Read and write historical accounts, poems and tales and discover the grotesque effects of bugs and bacteria on the human body. And if you smell a rat, my friend, get out of there.</p>	<p><u>Darwin's Delights</u></p> <p>We're off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS <i>Beagle</i>. Can you trace his route across the vast ocean? Stop at the magical Galápagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Charles Darwin to develop his theory of evolution by natural selection. Do you know what's so special about a lava lizard, or why the blue-footed booby has blue feet? See how animals adapt to their environments over time and meet some of the world's greatest explorers and naturalists. Imagine how humans will evolve in millions of years. It's a scary thought. Ready to trace the origin of species? Let's set sail.</p>	<p><u>Ground-breaking Greeks</u></p> <p>Pupils will learn about different periods of Greek history, exploring the earliest civilisations, the devastation of the Dark Age and the breakthroughs and developments of the Archaic and Classical periods. They will understand how the geography of Greece affected the development of city states and explore Athens, learning about the structure of the government and society. They will get to know some of the most significant Athenians and understand why Greek art, culture, architecture, philosophy, medicine and mathematics were so significant. Your child will learn about the leadership of Alexander the Great and discover how ancient Greece became part of the Roman Empire after the Hellenistic period. They will explore how the Romans respected and developed Greek ideas, making them their own and spreading them throughout the Roman Empire.</p>	<p><u>Beast Creator</u></p> <p>A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast. He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting. Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks. Come search for these minibeasts, and let's sort them out. How many legs? How many wings? Who does it eat and who eats it? Can you classify it? Can you draw it or make it? Build a bug hotel then watch them wriggle and burrow, mixing earth as they go. Discover where in the world you'll find the deadliest beasts. Perhaps the <i>Vespa mandarinia japonica</i> is the one that you fear? Why not become a beast creator? 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly. Perhaps she'll die?'</p>	<p><u>Scream Machine</u></p> <p>Roll up, roll up. You're going on a day trip to a theme park, to soak up the unique sights, smells and sounds of the fair. Learn about the science behind roller coasters Design a theme park and show your ideas on a digital map. Time for some mini investigations. Cam mechanisms, pendulums, pulleys and prototypes. Let's go behind the scenes to see forces at work. Okay, ready to ride? Don't forget to scream if you want to go faster.</p>

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Year 5/6 - Year B

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<p><u>A Child's War</u></p> <p>A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sunk ships. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate.</p>	<p><u>Frozen Kingdom</u></p> <p>Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories; incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind. Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. Wrap up well and settle by the fire. I'm just going outside and may be some time.</p>	<p><u>ID</u></p> <p>Who do you think you are? Are you an extrovert or an introvert, a singleton, a twin or even a triplet? Let's discover what makes you you. From your fingerprints and footprints, to your genes and DNA, everything is unique to you. So why do you look like Mum or Dad, or even Auntie Rose? Explore the world of human identity and how our unique features can be used to tell us apart from others or help to solve a crime. Do you like the same things as others, or are your tastes uniquely yours? Then, it's time for some detective work. In the case of the stolen handbag, use your knowledge and skills to solve the crime and identify the culprit. And remember to love being you. Why? Because there's only one you.</p>	<p><u>Hola Mexico</u></p> <p>Welcome to Mexico. Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun festivals. Is your tummy rumbling? Concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or a delicious Mexican meal. What's on your shopping list? Go steady with the spices. Discover the mysterious world of the ancient Mayan civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry, play their ball game and follow all of their curious rituals. Just try to keep your head. Feel like celebrating? Design a flute, grab a drum, join a tribe and make some noise. Have you got what it takes to be chief? Let's find out.</p>	<p><u>Blood Heart</u></p> <p>Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry. Blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. They all work hard to move blood around our bodies. William Harvey was fascinated with anatomy, and made groundbreaking discoveries about valves. I wonder what we might uncover? Why do people give blood? Find out how to keep your heart happy with cardiovascular exercise and healthy food. Kickstart a campaign to spread the word about the damage caused to the lungs and heart by smoking. Hearts pound, flutter and maybe skip a beat. What makes your heart race? Is it a secret? Cross my heart, I won't tell.</p>	<p><u>Allotment</u></p> <p>Let's grow. A crispy carrot, a luscious lettuce or a tasty tomato. Dig deep and put your back into it, making your own tubs and planters and nurturing your greens. Harvest your crops and make soups and dishes of seasonal foods that taste delicious. Learn about farms and where food comes from, writing reports on worldwide produce. Discover which allotments are closest to your school, and open the door to the secret garden. Then establish a farmers' market, harvesting your crops and selling local produce. Include garden crafts and work out your prices. Be sure to make a profit, not a loss. After all that hard work, have your fingers gone green?</p>