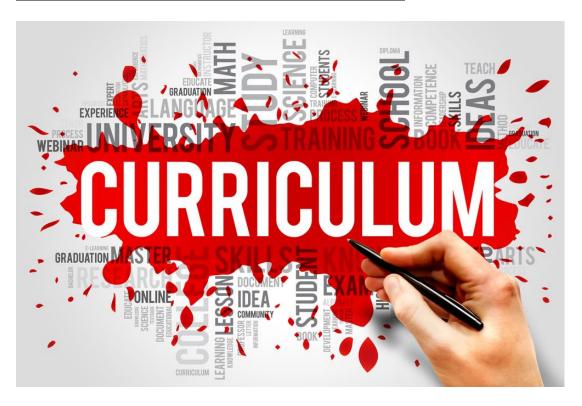
# Year 2 Curriculum Themes 2020/21





## **Autumn Term 1 – Wriggle and Crawl**

Poor Rang-tan – he is an orang-utan from our story 'There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom' who has travelled all the way from the rainforest because they need our help as their home is being destroyed! In order to help him and the other rainforest animals, we will investigate tropical rainforests to discover where they are found, what the climate is like there and to learn more about the living things that live there. We will also find out why rainforests are so essential to all life on earth.

## Autumn Term 2 – Movers and Shakers/Take One Author

Are you ready to travel back in time to meet significant individuals, both locally and globally, who have shaped and changed the world? We will be using timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people and explore their significance on the world we live in. We will also enter the wonderful worlds created in a variety of Oliver Jeffers books and stories and discover how perseverance can help us all make a significant impact on those around us and our futures.

## Spring Term 1 – Bright Lights, Big City

Fire! Fire! London's burning! It's time to travel back in time with Vlad (from our key text; Vlad and the Great Fire of London) to solve the mystery of how The Great Fire of London started using evidence from Samuel Pepys' diary to discover more about London at this time. We will then fast forward through time to learn about the human and physical characteristics of our capital city today and what life is like in a big city.

## Spring Term 2 – Muck, Mess and Mixtures

It's time to get creative! Let's join Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine characters by mixing our own marvellous creations. By mixing colours and applying materials we will create our own unique masterpieces and have some fun getting messy in the process. Thinking about mess... Have you ever wondered how mud is made? Let's head outdoors to find out. Whilst we are there we will look at how plants are grown and how we can use herbs, fruits and vegetables in our own healthy recipes to form part of a balanced diet.

## <u>Summer Term 1 – Land Ahoy!</u>

Ahoy There! It's time to set sail with Captain Redblood himself and join his pirate crew. Do you have what it takes to become one of his shipmates? Join Sam Silver, the Undercover Pirate to travel back in time to explore what life as a pirate on the open sea was really like and discover more about these famous pirates and their Caribbean home. We might even discover some pirate treasure along the way! We even get to meet the authors of Sam Silver – Jan Burchett and Sara Vogler.

#### <u>Summer Term 2 – Coastlines</u>

Grab your bucket and spade and let's head to the coast! On the beach we will learn about the physical and human features that can be found and explore how life in near the sea compares to life here in the Midlands. As an island we are surrounded by the sea so we will take a closer look at which seas specifically surround the United Kingdom and the wildlife that inhabits them. We will also explore how to stay safe when we are near water. We'll follow the character's in our story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda Armitage to find out what it's like to live in a coastal town.