Year 1 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	See Year 1 Key Texts: https://www.cannonlaneprimary.org/year-1-key-texts-1/		
English	• Descriptive Writing (using adjectives) • Character Setting • Comic Strips • Captions • Poetry • Onomatopoeia • Planning • Writing an Alternative Version • Persuasive Writing • Retell • Phase 5 Phonics	• Non-fiction Fact Writing • Story Writing • Persuasive Writing • Letters • Writing Plans • Fact files • Biographies • Recount • Little Wandle Phase 5 Phonics	• Writing in Role • Character Description • Diary Entry • Poetry • Setting Description • Speaking and Listening • Informative Posters • Little Wandle Phase 5 Phonics
Maths	• **Consolidation** • **Number and Place Value**: Numbers to 10 • **Addition and subtraction** within 10 • **Geometry**: Shapes and patterns • **Number and Place Value:** Numbers to 20 • **Addition and subtraction** within 20	• **Measurement**: Time • **Calculations** Exploring calculation strategies within 20 • **Addition and subtraction** within 20 • **Number and Place Value:** Numbers to 50 • **Fractions**	• **Measurement:** length and mass • **Number and Place Value**: Numbers 50 to 100 beyond • **Addition and subtraction** • **Measurement:** Money • **Multiplication and division** • **Measurement**: Capacity and Volume

Science	**Becoming a Scientist** (Transitional unit from EYFS to Year 1) **Uses of Everyday Materials** Recognise and compare a variety of different materials such as wood, plastic, glass, metal, rock and water.	**Seasonal Changes** Understand the purpose of seasonal changes and **Plants** Identifying basic plant types, including trees.	**Animals and Living Things** Recognise and differentiate between fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Understand the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores **We are Scientists!** Investigations to support our year of learning.
Computing	**Technology Around Us** Pupils will develop their understanding of technology and how it can help them. They will become more familiar with the different components of a computer by developing their keyboard and mouse skills. **Digital Printing** Pupils will explore the world of digital art and its exciting range of creative tools. They will create their own paintings, while getting inspiration from a range of other artists. Pupils will determine whether they prefer painting with or without the use of digital devices.	**Moving a Robot** Pupils will explore early programming concepts, using individual commands, both with their peers and as part of a computer program **Grouping Data.** Pupils will be introduced to data and information, by using labels to put objects into groups, and labelling these groups.	**Digital Writing** Pupils will use their understanding of the various aspects of using a computer to create and change text and familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard. **Programming Animations** Pupils will be introduced to on-screen programming through Scratch and will explore the way a project looks by investigating sprites and backgrounds.

History	**Discovering History** What is the Past? Family Trees How do we know about History? What do archaeologists do? Our local History.	**Kings, Queens and Leaders** Kings and Queens King John and The Magna Carta Henry III and Parliament Charles I Oliver Cromwell and the Commonwealth	**Parliament and Prime Ministers** James II, Mary II and William of Orange Simon de Montfort and Parliament Robert Walpole Our Prime Minister today Elections
Geography	**Spatial Sense** Aerial Views Maps Location Compass Points Drawing Maps	**The UK** The four countries in the UK Scotland Wales Northern Ireland England	**Seven Continents** The Seven Continents The Five Oceans The Equator and the Poles Land around the World Europe: Our Continent
Art	**Line/ Colour Focus** **Line Drawings** Artists: Paul Klee – Colour Henry Matisse – Line Yayoi Kusama – Line Van Gogh- Colour and Line Picasso – Colour David Hockney - Line	**Line/ Tone Focus** **Observational Drawing** Artists:Still life Mary Potter Paul Cézanne Georges Rouault Eric Carle	**Colour Focus** **Landscape** Artists: Landscape Maud Lewis Gabriele Münter Alyce Frank David Hockney
Technology	**Mechanisms – Moving Pictures** To explore and use mechanisms including sliders and levers	**Structures** To build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer, and more stable	**Textiles – Weaving** To select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks,

			including cutting, joining and finishing.
	Food – Wraps & Healthy foods To understand where food comes from and prepare a healthy wrap		
P.E.	**Dance** Dinosaurs **Locomotion** Running **Ball Skills** Feet **Games** Games with rules Challenges	**Gymnastics** Wide, narrow, curled **Balls Skills** Hands 1 **Dance** Growing **Team Building** Solving simple problems	**Gymnastics** Body Parts **Locomotion** Jumping **Ball Skills** Rackets and Bats & Balls **Attack & Defence** Games for Understanding
R.E.	What can we learn from the Diwali story about good and evil in our own lives? **Hinduism** Special Days Is it important to have a day that is different to other days? **Judaism and Christianity**	What makes faith buildings so special? **Sikhism** What can Christians learn from the teachings of Jesus. **Christianity**	How do holy books teach religious people about being close to God? **Christianity** How do we respond when we hear certain sounds? **Islam**
Music	**Animal Rhythms** Learn to read, play and compose simple rhythms through singing, musical games, copycat rhythms, body percussion and using untuned instruments to create patterns. - Crotchets, quavers, semi quavers and rests.		
	Animal Melodies		

	Develop an awareness of pitch & melodic shape through singing, copycat melodies, and tuned instruments. - Learn how pitch is notated and play simple 3 note melodies on tuned percussion. - Compose a simple melody using desk bells.		
PSHE	**Being me in My World** **Celebrating Differences**	**Dreams and Goals** **Changing Me**	**Relationships** **Healthy Me**
Trips & Other Events	Diwali Dance Workshop Trip to the Pantomime	Hibernation Day Royalty Day Trip to Windsor Castle	Animal Handling Experience Animal Antics day!