

Year 1 Curriculum Topic Map



THE PYTHON HILL ACADEMY

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*Our Ambition: To be the highest performing MAT in the country
Our Mission: To improve the communities we serve for the better*

Vision:

*Challenging educational orthodoxies so that every child makes good progress in all subjects;
all teachers are committed to personal improvement and fulfil their responsibilities;
all children receive an inspiring curriculum;
all academies strive to be outstanding.*

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British Values:	Elect school councillors. Remind the children about voting and that the councillors "represent" them. What would they like the council to know about.													
Curriculum Drivers / Enrichment	Visit: Around the local area (Focus on key human features aerial photos). Aspiration (Jobs people do). Visitor into School (Aspiration: Visitor (Health Care Professional) staying healthy focus and story of how the visitor became a health care professional / what they do etc.)							Visit: White Post Farm Visit: A place of worship (Church- see Celebrations and Festivals. Cultural Diversity- the different things people believe)						
Science	The Human Body Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Label parts of the face 2. Investigate sounds around school 3. Investigate touch, smell and taste 4. Label the main parts of body 5. Use a bar chart to answer questions with eye colour Seasonal Changes Observe changes across Autumn							Animals Including Humans Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate different animals that are kept as pets and know how to care for them 2. Use a simple key to classify animals (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds) 3. Classify animals as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore 4. Explain a hedgehog can be a predator 						
PE	Cog Focus: Personal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • try several times if at first I don't succeed and I ask for help when appropriate • I can follow instructions, practise safely and work on simple tasks by myself • I enjoy working on simple tasks with help Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination, footwork. Off for a Ride game 2. Coordination, footwork. Off for a Ride game 3. Coordination, footwork. Follow the Leader game 4. Static Balance, one leg. Oh, You'll Never Get to Sea song 5. Static Balance, one leg. Oh, You'll Never Get to Sea song 6. Static Balance, one leg. Popping Pirates game 7. Static Balance, one leg. Popping Pirates game 							Cog Focus: Social <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can help praise and encourage others in their learning • I can work sensibly with others, taking turns and sharing • I can play with others and take turns and share with help Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dynamic balance to agility, jumping and landing. I Jumped Aboard a Rocket Ship song 2. Dynamic balance to agility, jumping and landing. I Jumped Aboard a Rocket Ship song 3. Dynamic balance to agility, jumping and landing. Home Planet game 4. Static balance, seated. Five Cheeky Monkeys song 5. Static balance, seated. Five Cheeky Monkeys game 6. Static balance, seated. Five Cheeky Monkeys game 7. Static balance, seated. Exchange Objects in 3's game 						

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British Values:	Explore themes of belonging, tolerance and acceptance with the Good Samaritan Story													
History	History of Ourselves <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Identify history as events that have happened in the past 2. Share things we remember from our life and put them in order 3. Identify what a family tree and what it shows before completing their own 4. Compare similarities and differences between our childhoods and our grandparents													
Geography								The Local Area <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Walk around school and follow a simple map with symbols 2. Walk around the local area 3. Describe landmarks on Kirklington Road 4. Create a simple map of the local area to show the main landmarks 5. Add symbols to the local area map						
RE	What does it mean to care for other? <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. To retell the story of the Good Samaritan 2. To retell the story of the Bird and the Banyan Tree 3. To understand that Jesus cared for others 4. To understand how choices we make effect other people							What celebrations do Christians follow at Christmas? <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. To describe what happens in a Christian place of worship during advent 2. To explain why Christians celebrate Christmas			Why are gifts given at Christmas? <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. To recall the visit of the wise men and know the meaning behind gold, frankincense and myrrh. 2. To know that Christians believe that Jesus is a gift to the world from God 3. To talk about the ways they can show love, peace and kindness			

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British Values:	Democracy. Pupils have a voice and make choices based on favourite pieces of music.													
Music	Ourselves - Musical Focus: Exploring Sounds <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes; 2. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically; 3. Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music; 4. Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.				Number – Musical focus: Beat <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Recognising and developing a sense of steady beat through using voices and body percussion 2. Identifying and performing changes in tempo 3. Learning to play percussion with control 4. Keeping a steady beat and using dynamics to vary the musical effect 5. Identifying and keeping a steady beat using movement, body percussion and instruments 6. Recognising and responding to changes in tempo in music			Animals – Musical focus: Pitch <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Understanding pitch, and making high and low vocal sounds 2. Relating pitch to high and low body posture 3. Understanding pitch by singing a song with contrasting high and low melodies 4. Identifying and playing high and low pitches in music 5. Exploring and developing an understanding of pitch using the voice and body movements 6. Recognising and performing pitch changes and contrasts				Animals – Musical focus: Pitch <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Exploring and controlling dynamics (volume), duration and timbre with voices, body percussion and instruments 2. Improvising descriptive music 3. Controlling duration and dynamics using voices, body percussion and instruments 4. Identifying a sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music 5. Responding to music through movement		
Computing	Unit 1.1: Online Safety and Exploring Purple Mash <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Safe Logins 2. My work area 3. Purple Mash topics 4. Purple Mash tools							Unit 1.2: Grouping and Sorting <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Sorting away from the computer 2. Sorting on the computer			Unit 1.3: Pictograms <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Data in pictures 2. Class pictogram 3. Recording results			

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British Values:	Tolerance and Acceptance. Choose pieces of Jamaican art that the children like and value.													
Art	Weaving Textiles and Collage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple paper and/or material weaving using a card loom. Mix colours and paint strips of paper to weave with. Add objects to the weaving - buttons, twigs, dried flowers. Explore colour in weaving. Colour and painting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure they know the names of colours Begin to introduce mixing colours to make new colours Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textiles, materials, Poster paint Final piece of art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative weave 													
DT											Healthy Eating – Design a fruit skewer Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes; Understand where food comes from. 			

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British Values	Tolerance and acceptance. Identify toys from around the world and from other cultures											
Curriculum drivers / enrichment	Visit to Sudbury Hall (Toy Museum to support topic). Aspiration: Visiting craftsman linked to toy making- e.g. carpentry. To talk about their job/ hobby and how they learned the skill (career opportunities/ routes).						Walk to Newark Castle (Spring Gardens and stimulus for art) Cultural Diversity: Find an example of an artist from a different culture with examples of representations of flowers as a stimulus. Stories Jesus told (what do different people believe).					
Science	Toys/ Everyday materials Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify everyday materials that toys are made from (wood, plastic, metal, fabric) 2. Investigate the materials that toys are made from (hard, soft, stretchy etc) 3. Investigate the absorbency of different materials 4. Perform a simple test to see which materials keep Teddy dry 5. Investigate the transparency of materials Seasonal Changes Observe changes across Winter						Seasonal Changes Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observe changes and differences in the weather around the world 2. Investigate trees across the seasons and how they change 3. Describe how the length of daylight in a day varies through the seasons Seasonal Changes Observe changes across Spring					
PE	Cog Focus: Cognitive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can begin to order instructions, movements and skills. With help I can recognise similarities and differences in performance and I can explain why someone is working or performing well • I can understand and follow simple rules and can name some things I am good at • I can follow simple instructions Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dynamic balance, on a line. Five Little Puffer Trains song 2. Dynamic balance, on a line. Puffing Along game 3. Dynamic balance, on a line. Puffing Along game 4. Static balance, stance. Mirror, Mirror on the Wall game 5. Static balance, stance. Mirror, Mirror on the Wall game 6. Static balance, stance. 1 v 1 Balance game 						Cog Focus: Creative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can begin to compare my movements and skills with those of others. I can select and link movements together to fit a theme • I can explore and describe different movements • I can observe and copy others Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination, ball skills. Add a Move game 2. Coordination, ball skills. Add a Move game 3. Coordination, ball skills. Grand Prix Qualifying game 4. Counter balance, with partner. Hold on Tight song 5. Counter balance, with partner. The Never Ending Relay Race game 6. Counter balance, with partner. Lean on Me game 					

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British Values:	Tolerance and acceptance. Stories Jesus Told. Emphasise how everyone is important.											
History	Toys <u>Learning Journey</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare old toys and new toys 2. Sequence toys based on our observations 3. Describe how toys have changed over time 4. Describe some of the ways toy making has changed 											
Geography							Weather around the World (begin with local weather leading to UK weather forecast to explore capital cities and weather in different locations on a given day leading to wider world) <u>Learning Journey</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know the seven continents of the world 2. Record observations of the weather in the local area 3. Investigate the weather in four different places 4. Describe how the weather can change when you move towards the North Pole 5. Describe how the weather can change as you move south towards the equator 					
RE	What does it mean to belong to Christianity? <u>Learning Journey</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To know what the word belonging means 2. To know that people show their faith by going to church 3. To know why people are baptised 4. To explain what different parts of the baptism service mean 						What is special about a Christian Church? <u>Learning Journey</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To know parts of the church 2. To understand why the cross is special 			How do Christians celebrate Easter? <u>Learning Journey</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recall events from the Easter story 2. To know how Easter is celebrated 3. To understand why Easter is important to Christians 		

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British Values	Tolerance and acceptance. Explore different beats linked to different cultures. What is similar and different.											
Music	Weather - Musical Focus: Exploring beat <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Exploring and controlling dynamics (volume), duration and timbre with voices, body percussion and instruments 2. Improvising descriptive music Controlling duration and dynamics using voices, body percussion and instruments 3. Identifying a sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music 4. Responding to music through movement				Machines - Musical Focus: Beat <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes; 2. Play tuned and untuned instruments musically; 3. Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music; 4. Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music.		Seasons - Musical Focus: Pitch <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Identifying changes in pitch and responding to them with movement 2. Contrasting changes in pitch with changes in dynamics (volume) 3. Relating pitch changes to graphic symbols and performing pitch changes vocally 4. Listening and responding to pitch changes with movement 5. Listening and responding to a falling pitch signal 6. Distinguishing between pitched and un-pitched percussion sounds 7. Listening in detail to a piece of orchestral music			School - Musical Focus: Exploring sounds <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Exploring different sound sources and materials 2. Analysing the dynamics and duration of sounds around the school 3. Exploring these elements/ dimension on instruments 4. Creating two contrasting textures 5. • Singing a song 6. Interpreting sounds and exploring instruments 7. Creating a soundscape as part of a song performance		
Computing	Unit 1.4: Lego Builders <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Following instructions 2. Following and creating simple instructions on the computer 3. To consider how the order of instructions affects the result				1.5: Maze Explorers <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Create and debug simple programs. 2. Challenges one and two 3. Challenges three and four 4. Challenges five and six 5. Setting more challenges		1.6: Animated Story Books <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. 2. Drawing and creating 3. Animation 4. Sounds and more 5. Making a story 6. Copy and paste					

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British Values:												
Art	Spring Flowers (representing flowers through a range of media using the work of Georgia O' Keeffe as an inspiration) <u>Drawing Skills</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a variety of tools, inc. pencils, rubbers, crayons, pastels, felt tips, charcoal, ballpoints, chalk and other dry media. Begin to explore the use of line, shape and colour <u>Printing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create patterns and pictures by printing from objects using more than one colour <u>Colour and painting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find collections of colour – different sorts of green, blue, purple etc. Use language to evaluate – light/dark. <u>Pattern</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness and discussion of patterns around them – pattern hunt. Experiment creating repeating patterns on paper using drawing or printing of own design. <u>Media</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing, painting, pencil, crayons/felt tips, paint, Water colour <u>Final piece of art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decorative weave 											
DT							Build a Bridge (use the stimulus of a toy car for a character. Can you design build and evaluate a bridge that will allow the character to drive across) <u>Design</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology. <u>Make</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]; Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics. <u>Evaluate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and evaluate a range of existing products; Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria. <u>Technical knowledge</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. 					

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British Values	Democracy. Make use of pupil voice when planning the visit.											
Curriculum drivers / enrichment	Cultural Diversity: Exploring other faiths (Judaism, Christianity, people with no faith). Celebrating difference and common humanity. How can people who think different things get on together. Aspiration: During visit to place of worship/ minister/ rabbi. What is their role? How did they achieve their role?					Visit: Yorkshire wildlife park Aspiration: Yorkshire visitor centre. Input re conservations and role played. Global citizen – caring for our world. One world we all need to share. Cultural Diversity: Great Fire of London. How the city responded together to fight the fire. Role of King Charles.						
Science	Animal Kingdom Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name and identify animals and be able to classify them (mammals, reptiles, birds) 2. Understand habitats in our locality 3. Identify animals that are prey and predators 					Let's Grow Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Label parts of a tree (trunk, branches, bark, leaves, roots) 2. Label parts of a flowering plant 3. Know the names of common plants in the school grounds 4. Observe different plants growing Seasonal Changes Observe changes across Summer Describe weather associated with different seasons						
PE	Cog Focus: Applying Physical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can perform a range of skills with some control and consistency. I can perform a sequence of movements with some changes in level, direction or speed • I can perform a single skill or movement with some control. I can perform a small range of skills and link two movements together • I can move confidently in different ways Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordination, sending and receiving. Bouncing Balls song 2. Coordination, sending and receiving. Big Top Time game 3. Coordination, sending and receiving. Dice Dance game 4. Agility, reaction/response. Link Skills game 5. Agility, reaction/response. Link Skills game 6. Agility, reaction/response. Magical Shapes and Letters game 					Cog Focus: Health and Fitness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can say how my body feels before, during and after exercise. I use equipment appropriately and move and land safely • I am aware of why exercise is important for good health • I am aware of the changes to the way I feel when I exercise Learning Journey <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agility, ball chasing. Collecting Nuts for Winter game 2. Agility, ball chasing. Collecting Nuts for Winter game 3. Agility, ball chasing. Develop Combinations game 4. Static balance, floor work. Hungry, Hungry Casper Cat song 5. Static balance, floor work. Pass the Hoop game 6. Static balance, floor work. Distance Objects game 						

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British Values:	Tolerance and Acceptance. Notice that Jewish people and Christian people have different symbols and ceremonies but can get on with each other. Democracy. Great Fire of London- notice that the King is in charge and makes decisions about how to fight the fire. How else could the have decided what to do?											
History	The Great Fire of London <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Describe when the Great Fire of London took place 2. Describe what happened during the Great Fire of London using pictures and writing from the time 3. Explain why the fire spread so far and so fast 4. Describe how London changed after the great fire											
Geography									Coast to Country (building to visit in week 1 summer 2 with science links) <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Use compasses to identify North, South, East and West 2. Locate and identify oceans and continents 3. Find out about British beaches 4. Compare a British beach with one from another country			
RE	Why is Jesus important to Christians? <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. To know Christians believe in Jesus 2. To know that Jesus was taught by God (recount The Lost Sheep) 3. To recount the parable of the lost coin 4. To know Jesus healed people (The healing of the blind men) 5. To know that Jesus performed miracles (Feeding of the five thousand) 6. To know how Jesus cared for others (Zacchaeus) 7. To know why it is important to be thankful (The ten lepers) 8. To express their opinions about the stories they have heard about Jesus											

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Music	Storytime -Musical Focus: Exploring sounds <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Discussing basic musical terms – fast, slow, loud, quiet 2. Understanding how music can tell a story 3. Performing with concentration 4. Playing fast, slow, loud and quiet 5. Creating music that matches an event in a story 6. Rehearsing and performing with others 7. Learning new songs and chants			Our Bodies -Musical Focus: Beat <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Performing a steady beat at two different speeds (tempi) 2. Responding to change of mood in a piece of music with a slow and fast steady beat 3. Identifying a repeated rhythm pattern 4. Combining a rhythm pattern and a steady beat		Travel - Musical Focus: Performing <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Combining voices, movement and instruments to perform a chant and a song 2. Keeping a steady beat on instruments 3. Creating word rhythms 4. Performing word rhythms with movement 5. Keeping a steady beat 6. Playing and combining simple word rhythms 7. Responding to music in movement			Water -Musical Focus: Pitch <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Creating a picture in sound 2. Understanding musical structure by listening and responding 3. Performing a simple repeated pattern			
Computing	1.7: Coding <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions; 2. Create and debug simple programs; 3. Use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs; 4. Use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.					1.8: Spreadsheets <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Introduction to spreadsheets 2. Adding images to a spreadsheet and using the image toolbox 3. Using the “Speak and Count” tools in 2Calculate to count items			1.9: Technology outside school <u>Learning Journey</u> 1. Recognise common uses of information technology beyond school; 2. Use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.			

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British Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democracy. Make use of pupil voice when discussing the work of Constable and Woodman. 											
Art						Coastal Art <u>Textiles and Collage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on skills of using various materials to make collages – using some smaller items Develop skills of overlapping and overlaying to create effects. Use various collage materials to make a specific picture <u>Media</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collage <u>Final piece of art</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal collage picture 						
DT	The Great Fire of London (design make and build a model of a 17th century house with doors that open) <u>Design</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design purposeful and functional products for themselves and other users based on design criteria; Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology. <u>Make</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks (cutting, shaping, joining and finishing); Select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics. <u>Evaluate</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and evaluate a range of existing products; Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria. <u>Technical knowledge</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable; Explore and use mechanisms such as levers, sliders, wheels and axles in their products. 											

Additional Commentary

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A. Curriculum Design

Rigour in planning and delivery, including excellent modelling, demonstrations and clarity is a pre-requisite for implementing curriculum design.

“Teachers teach techniques and a technique becomes a skill when it is applied independently”

Out of the three main designs for curriculum (knowledge, knowledge-engaged and skills-led), all subjects in our curriculum are knowledge-engaged. Knowledge engaged means knowledge is taught with a view to children applying this knowledge through thoughts, physical skills or actions. For example, in writing or problem solving. Reference can be made to Bloom’s Taxonomy.

B. The ‘golden threads’ in our curriculum are as follows:

1. Standards: pupil achievement in reading, writing, speaking & listening and maths (especially important in white working-class areas for children to go on and achieve);
2. Aspirations (typically white working class children lack aspiration for many reasons, and can often lack knowledge about ‘pathways’);
3. Cultural diversity and preparing children for ‘Modern Britain’.

See top of Curriculum Map for each term for Aspiration and Cultural Diversity threads. For Standards, See Long-Term Planner.

INTENT = TRUST LEVEL

IMPLEMENTATION = ACADEMY LEVEL

IMPACT = ACADEMY LEVEL AND TRUST LEVEL

The Three 'I's of Curriculum

INTENT : The 'top level' view of the curriculum. It is 'what is on offer'.

Key Question: Why are children taught what they are in Forge schools?

Answer: The Executive Senior Leadership Team of the trust believe strongly that all schools should follow the National Curriculum Framework 2013. Approximately 80% of the content is standardised in every year group, with 20% autonomy for schools to make 'local' decisions fitting the context of the school.

Key Question: Why were the curriculum decisions made?

Answer: Our catchment areas are predominantly White British, many of them serving areas of deprivation and challenge. As a result, we must equip children with the necessary basic skills in Mathematics, English and Science so that they can succeed in life. Being sufficiently skilled in these areas gives children 'currency' to go on and access higher qualifications and courses when they leave primary school. Therefore, **standards** are a golden thread in the curriculum that will give children the necessary cultural capital required. In our context it is imperative that we prepare children for life in modern Britain by making sure they are taught about different cultures and faiths. We aim for our children to be tolerant and understanding of people who appear to be 'different'; consequently **cultural diversity** is also a golden thread. In our schools, the social mobility agenda is very important given the nature of our catchments, therefore **aspiration** is another golden thread throughout our curriculum. Linked closely to aspiration is our speaking and listening curriculum, that prepares children and builds their public speaking skills through four key areas: speaking skills; listening skills; awareness of audience and non-verbal communication.

Key Question: Who made the curriculum decisions?

Answer: The curriculum in place is 'layered', with 3 stages to the planning process at The Forge Trust. Below is a description of each planning stage as well as key personnel who contributed at the various stages:

Stage 1: Curriculum Map

Curriculum maps are in place for all Year Groups showing National Curriculum references for all subjects as well as coverage (local Curriculum/context 20% and National Curriculum 80% trust standardised). They also highlight our curriculum drivers: standards, cultural diversity and aspiration. The Executive Senior Leadership Team prepared this stage: the CEO, Deputy CEO,

Consultant Principal and Principals. A high degree of control and expertise was imperative at this stage to ensure the highest quality and maintain a strategic overview.

Stage 2: Medium Term Planning Support & Year Group Connections-This document builds on the content taught in previous years. It includes learning objectives, success criteria and phases of lessons for each topic. It is a working document that is designed for subject leaders and teachers in each school to access so that standards in the subject can be measured and checked. Each topic has an **A4 Learning Journey and Assessment Concept Pyramid**. The CEO, Deputy CEO and Consultant Principal (ESLT) prepared this documentation liaising with the trust's network leaders to finalise the documentation ready for September 2020. This ensured standardisation of approach in each school and ensured assessment is mirrored in each school. We have Learning Journeys in place and we use Concept Pyramids to assess in science, history, geography and RE. Concept Pyramids include the key concepts and vocabulary covered in a topic and these form the basis for assessment (pre and end tests). Assessment involves children completing pre and end-tests in books, and teachers can then measure progress at the end of the topic. Learning Journeys give an overview of the coverage highlighted in Stage 2 planning (Medium Term Planning Support and Year Group Connections). Teachers refer to these at the beginning of every lesson. A 'reflection box' is a feature of all Learning Journeys where children can reflect on what they have learnt and what they still need help with understanding. Teachers should use this information to aid feedback and next steps.

Stage 3: Short-Term planning (which includes individual lesson plans). Class teachers are fully responsible for their own planning, even where planning is shared between the teachers in a year group. They should use the medium term planning support to form their lesson plans, and ensure that they differentiate three ways in lessons (LA/MA/HA) so that all children are appropriately challenged.

IMPLEMENTATION: 'Curriculum is WHAT is taught not HOW' (Ofsted 2018)

WHAT: In core subjects, topics are taught in a systematic way to build on previous learning and ensure maximum understanding. Key vocabulary is highlighted and children have opportunities to use and apply their learning in every lesson. In subjects such as Science, RE, History and Geography topics have a concept pyramid containing key vocabulary linked to the topic. These concept pyramids form the basis of assessment criteria, but more importantly guide a meaningful learning journey where lessons are sequenced in a progressive way.

Note: subjects below follow the following schemes:

In RE schools follow the Notts Agreed Syllabus for RE

In Music schools use the Music Express scheme

In PSHE schools use a scheme called 'Jigsaw'. This sits alongside RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and a Drugs and Alcohol scheme of work.

Process: 1. Teachers plan coverage of a topic listing key vocabulary and concepts in a pyramid. 2. The concept pyramid is used as a basis for pre-testing children to assess their knowledge at the start of a topic. 3. Children fill in their empty pyramid with three levels of words and concepts: level 1-words and concepts they already know; level 2-words and concepts they are familiar with but don't have a deep understanding of; level 3-words and concepts that they have no knowledge about at all. 4. The sequence of lessons on the learning journey (scheme of work) with explicit reference to the learning journey at each stage. 5. Reflections on what children have learnt and what they still find difficult are filled in on learning journeys, and an end-test relating to the concept wall is taken. Learning and progress can be measured against the pre-test.

HOW: Individual lessons have learning objectives and success criteria, and the trust's teaching and learning toolkit highlights the areas of the learning cycle that should be evident in a lesson. The toolkit also links to 'pedagogy' that teachers should employ in lessons.

IMPACT

Outcomes are assessed in reading, writing, maths and SPaG at a minimum of three assessment points per year (termly) so that we can accurately track each child. We have an exam based system, in line with the accountability system in place nationally. If children can answer questions that represent the taught curriculum in each year group correctly on an exam paper, then we believe that this proves impact. After all, exams are a part of life and provide children with the currency that children need to be succeed. However, although exam papers are only a 'tool' to measure in core subjects, they are not the only measure. We believe in high quality teacher assessment to back up summative judgements. These are linked to ARE grids (age related expectations) in each year group. High quality, ongoing formative assessment happens daily through marking and feedback. Work scrutiny will also show impact and learning.

Ofsted's definition of Curriculum

INTENT: 'A framework for setting out the aims of a programme of education, including the knowledge and understanding to be gained at each stage'.

IMPLEMENTATION: '...for translating that framework over time into a structure and narrative, with an institutional context'.

IMPACT: '...and for evaluating what knowledge and understanding pupils have gained against expectation'

C1. Suggested Timetable for Year 1

	8.40-8.50am	8.50-9.30am Session 1	9.30-10.30am Session 2	10.30-10.45am	10.45-11.45pm Session 3	11.45-12.30	12.30-12.50pm Session 4	12.50-1.15pm Session 5	Time varies Non-core Curriculum Session 6	Time varies Non-core Curriculum Session 7	Time varies Non-core Curriculum Session 8	3-3.20pm
MON	Registration	Phonics	Composition	Break Time	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading Whole Class	PSHE 1.15-1.45pm	PE 1.45-2.45pm	ASSEMBLY 2.45-3pm	Class story
TUE	Registration	Phonics	Composition	Break Time	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading Whole Class	RE / Computing 1.15 - 2.45pm		Picture News 2.45-3pm	Class story
WED	Registration	Phonics	Composition	Break Time	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading Whole Class	PE 1.15-2.15pm	Music 2.15-2.45pm	Phonics 2.45 -3pm	Class story
THUR	Registration	Phonics	Composition	Break Time	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading Whole Class	Art/DT 1.15-2.15pm	History / Geography 2.15-3pm		Class story
FRI	Registration	Phonics	Composition	Break Time	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting	Guided Reading Whole Class	Science 1.15-2.30pm		Assembly 2.30-3pm	Class story