

Explorers Curriculum Overview – Stage 3

CYCLE 3

 The Bridge Trust The Bridge Easton School Topic	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Our Community and Local Area	People Who Help Us	Travel and Journeys	Seasons and Weather	Animals and Growing	Plants and Growing
Curriculum Strand						
My Communication	Throughout the year: Attention Autism, Sensology, TACPAC, intensive interaction, learning to use photos, symbols and objects of reference, core boards, listening to familiar songs and rhymes. Total communication approach used in the classroom. Development of communication and language is embedded into curriculum learning and everyday experiences. Developing children's understanding of objects, signing, gesturing and symbols to communicate needs and wants, developing focus and attention, following an adult-led agenda, learning to make a choice, following simple instructions in a context, responding to their own name. Learning to communicate needs and wants through speaking or an alternative means of communication. Developing confidence and independence with using an alternative means of communication. Understanding one-word and two-word instructions. Learning to answer 'who', 'where', 'what', 'when' and 'why' questions.					
My Communication – Phonics, Reading and Writing	Throughout the year: Learning to recognise own name and match to photograph, recognising and ordering letters in own name, learning to write own name. Core word programme taught twice a week (<i>structured phonics taught as and when children are ready</i>) Exposure to letter sounds through Song of Sounds song Pre-phonics activities – noticing and responding to sounds, recognising familiar sounds related to everyday routines, matching animal sounds to animals, identifying musical sounds and matching to instruments, body percussion, matching household objects to sounds they make, responding to songs, rhymes and rhythm. Recognising letter sounds, initial sounds, oral blending and segmenting, reading and writing words (<i>when ready</i>) Developing reading behaviours – pointing to features, turning the pages from left to right, caring for books. Sensory story sessions, learning to focus on a short story delivered with props. Developing children's love of look at books, sharing books, studying pictures and listening to stories. Regular mark making opportunities Supporting children to make meaningful marks, early writing activities, pencil control and letter formation. Developing understanding of sentence structure and formation, through colourful semantics.					

	Text: Text Type: Fictional Narratives Outcome: Recount <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>	Text: Text Type: Non-Fiction - Reference Outcome: Fact File <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>	Text: Text Type: Fictional Narratives Outcome: Cards and Postcards <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>	Text: Text Type: Poetry Outcome: Poems <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>	Text: Text Type: Fictional Narratives Outcome: Labels and Captions <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>	Text: Text Type: Non-Fiction – Reference Outcome: Instruction Writing <i>See Explorers English curriculum for objective coverage.</i>
My Relationships and Feelings	Throughout the year: Develop a sense of self, learning to find ways to regulate themselves, developing relationships with other adults, noticing and interacting with peers, working and playing alongside peers, managing transitions during the school day, engaging in play-based activities with increasing confidence, learning to find an adult for help/support. Developing independence and self-care skills – including using the toilet, dressing and undressing, eating using cutlery, washing hands. Developing positive and respectful relationships with adults and peers, learning to share and take turns, Zones of regulation – learning to recognise different emotions, through symbols and linking to the correct zone. Developing an understanding of different strategies that can be used in each zone.					
	Wellbeing and My Body and Me	Healthy Relationships	Identity and Community	Healthy Choices	Digital Lives	Aspirations and Money
My Body and Movement	Throughout the year: Using push along wheeled toys, scooters and trikes. Develop manipulation and control in fine motor activities. Develop use of one-handed tools and equipment. Fizzy Training Games: Clever Hands (level 1, 2 and 3) Theraputty exercises to strengthen muscles in the hand and fingers. Develop a comfortable pencil grip, use a pencil with increasing control. Develop a preference for a dominant hand. Use large muscle movements in child-initiated and adult led activities (including waving flags and streamers, making marks on large vertical surfaces, lifting and carrying) Use sensory circuits to support sensory processing and receive sensory input.					

	Fundamentals Year 3	Ball Skills Year 3	Gymnastics – Year 3	Net and Wall Games Year 2	Fitness Year 2	Striking and Fielding Year 2
My Knowledge – Mathematics	Throughout the year: Exposure to counting songs and rhymes, inset puzzles, building towers, matching objects, sorting objects, construction play, exploring capacity through sand and water play, combining objects (stacking blocks and cups).					
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My Knowledge – The World Around Me	Throughout the year: Explore the world around them through practical activities, concrete objects, and sensory trays. Explore materials with different properties, both indoors and outside, using all of the senses. Sorting and matching activities. Develop a sense of self through pictures of self and family and looking in mirrors. Develop understanding of cause and effect, repeat actions that have an effect. Engage with age-appropriate technology Join in with celebrations and festivals throughout the year, through art activities, sensory trays, songs and rhymes.					
	Recognise familiar adults within the school community, what they do (job role) and how they help.	Identify the ways in which people at home and school help us. What do people at	Name different types of transport and identify how they move, i.e. water, land, rails, air.	Identify the four seasons, key characteristics of each and changes across the seasons.	Recognise and name different animals, and link them to their correct habitat.	Identify the main parts of a plant.

	Follow a simple map around the school. Explore the school environment. What can you see, hear, smell and feel? Identify familiar buildings and places in the local area, i.e. school, park, library, shop, doctors. Identify why we might visit particular buildings and places in the local area. Identify ways we can help to look after our community, including recycling etc.	home and school do to help us? Identify who to call for help at different times/in different scenarios. Understand how to call the emergency services to ask for help Identify ways to stay safe at home and in the local community. Investigate reflective materials for uniforms. Which is the best reflective material?	Look at a globe/atlases and consider how you could travel to different places. What transport could you use? Use ramps with different textures and explore how fast and far small world vehicles can move. Identify ways to travel safely on different types of transport, including road safety. Make and follow a simple map. Make own boats. Can you make them float?	Look at globes/atlases – discuss weather in different countries, e.g. polar regions, desert, rainforests. Investigate shadows, and how shadows can get bigger/smaller (link to the sun). Explore the strength of the wind using different materials an objects, i.e. feathers, card, wood. Which objects moved in the wind? Which objects didn't? How much wind was needed to blow objects? Investigate waterproof materials. What is the best material to make a raincoat?	Sort animals into groups: mammal, bird, fish, insect etc. Identify what animals need to survive. Explore different animal diets. Identify how animals change as they grow. Match adult animals to baby. Learn the name of some baby animals. Identify the stages of the life cycle of a frog. Care for animals in the garden, by making bird feeders, minibeast hotels and/or planting bee friendly flowers.	Identify the stages of the life cycle of a plant. Identify what plants need to grow. Investigate what happens to a plant if they do not have these things. Identify fruit and vegetables that are grown from plants. Identify whether they are grown on the plant, under the ground, on a tree etc. Explore the effect that the force of the wind has on plants. Learn about different jobs that care for plants. Find out what these people do.
Computing (see progression of skills)	Purple Mash: Simple City / Maths City (see progression of skills)		Purple Mash: 2 Paint/ 2 a Picture (see progression of skills)		Purple Mash: 2 Explore / 2 Sequence / 2 Beat (see progression of skills)	
My Knowledge – My Creativity	Throughout the year: Structured art activities to develop basic skills, including using mark making materials, holding a paint brush, spreading glue, sticking materials. Develop independence with simple art techniques and skills, including cutting paper, spreading glue, using a paintbrush, manipulating modelling materials for a purpose, combining materials. Develop control and coordination with using one handed tools.					

	Explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials. Show attention to sounds and music. Making sounds through exploration of musical instruments, listening to familiar songs and rhymes. Join in with familiar songs, rhymes and action songs. Play instruments with increasing control. Move and dance to music. Explore small world and pretend play through child-initiated and adult led activities. Develop skills in pretend play, act out familiar scenarios, use concrete objects as part of pretend play. Explore colour and colour mixing Engage in activities involving painting, drawing, collage, printing and sculpture (play dough/clay, junk modelling). Draw with increasing control and coordination. Learn to draw a face.					
Art (see progression of skills)	Painting	Printing	Collage	Sculpture	Painting	Printing
Music (see progression of skills)		Unit 22: Patterns		Unit 23: Pulse		Unit 24: Pitch
My Independence	Throughout the year: Developing skills to become more independent in dressing/undressing, toileting, hair brushing, toothbrushing, eating and hygiene routines. Developing confidence to explore different areas of the community. Travelling on the school minibus and walking safely to places in the locality of the school. Learning to use money to pay for items in a shop. Learning to transition independently around the school. Following familiar daily routines.					
	TBES Life Skills: Personal Care and Hygiene TBES Life Skills: Dressing and Appearance	TBES Life Skills: Safety at Home and School	TBES Life Skills: Road Safety and Travelling TBES Life Skills: Planning Journeys and Commuting Cooking	TBES Life Skills: Leisure Activities and Special Interests TBES Life Skills: Transitions	TBES Life Skills: Budgeting TBES Life Skills: Shopping	TBES Life Skills: Home Management Cooking