



Lawhead Primary School

Learning Overview



Term 1 and 2: August – December 2026

Class: p6/7

Topic/Cross Cutting Theme:	
Term 1: Science: Batteries, electricity, sound waves, and animal communication, mixing, separating, and dissolving substances, chemical reactions and looking at the properties of a material. Term 2: Social Studies: The children will each create a historical overview document called a 'Book of Centuries' in which they will research ancient civilizations and follow a timeline taking them through the centuries right up to 2026. This learning tool will hopefully help the children make connections to how history fits together chronologically and illuminate links between what was happening geopolitically, in the arts and in human innovation. We will focus on WW2 in preparation for our Remembrance Day assembly and then dive into a detailed study of Victorian Britain.	
Literacy:	
Writing Text Types Information: Science report with hypothesis. Persuasive: Report and letter writing linked to our WW2 and Victorians topics. Imaginative: Poetry - verses, calligrams, kennings, limericks. Reading: On Thursdays the children will meet with their 'book club' and be asked to read a set number of pages from their group novel study for the next week. They will also be asked to prepare a page to read aloud for the following week. With time to practice the page at home they should be able to read it fluently and with expression (please do get in touch if there are any difficulties). There may also be additional reading tasks set to help them analyze the novel they are reading. In class, children are encouraged to read for enjoyment, visiting the library each week and having opportunities to read a wide range of texts. On Tuesday morning everyone completes a comprehension activity, and there is a varied selection of reading genres within this to interest them. Listening & Talking: We will use our whole class novel as a springboard for much of our listening and talking work; giving children space to listen to their partners' opinions and to agree or disagree agreeably! In term 2 the children will prepare a short talk on their chosen Victorian character to present to the class.	
Modern Languages: French	British Sign Language
Every morning the children are greeted in French and with a partner they have to work out how to say the date in French. In our lessons we will slowly build up to having conversations about who we are, our physical features, how we're feeling, what we enjoy doing and who is in our families. We will learn to conjugate the verbs 'to be' 'to have' and 'to do'.	Exploring Visual Communication – not just hands, facial expressions, gestures, body language. Using BSL signing in the classroom for common phrases.



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Numeracy:

Mental Maths:

Timetables fluency and place value literacy for example, “can you write the number two hundred and sixty-four million, three thousand and twenty?”

Each child has made a set of cards of the times tables that they still need to learn and they will be given time to practice them in class.

You can look on the school website for more details of what we will cover in mental maths each term.

Number, Money & Measure:

Reviewing decimals, fractions and percentages as equivalents. Exploring how decimals are used in measurement of length, weight, volume and in money. We will also learn about the history of the decimal system and how the standardization of measurement impacted the world.

Information Handling:

Probability using decimals, fractions and percentages. Data handling of measurement represented in bar and line graph and pie charts.

Shape, Position & Movement:

Focus on learning the properties of Prisms and Pyramids. Practical experience using basic geometry tools; compasses, set squares and protractors to measure and make nets of 3D shapes.

The class also has challenge vocabulary cards to try and quiz themselves to learn correct mathematical terms.

Health and Wellbeing:

Mental, emotional and social Wellbeing

Focus – Positive mental health & managing feelings and emotions using regulation strategies and the regulation station set up in the side room.

Discussion around the four colours we can use to describe our emotional state and how we can get into the ‘green zone’ where we are ready to learn.

Class visit from ‘Got Support’ workshop on brain plasticity.

November - Anti-bullying week

Other Curricular Areas:

Social Subjects:

Term 2:

The class will start to use their ‘Book of Centuries’ in term 1 to become familiar with how to record their research and have some time to research their own areas of interest.

WW2 Focus: We will follow the [BBC Bitesize resource](#) which uses historical archives videos and images from the Imperial War Museum, as well as first-person testimony from veterans and eyewitnesses. It should give the children a comprehensive overview of World War Two.

Victorians focus: Each child will complete a personal project to research a historical Victorian person of their choice.

We will look at the impact of Industrial Revolution, Queen Victoria’s life, work conditions for children, inventors and the Great Exhibition, and we will also have a day in the life of a Victorian school experience!

Sciences:

Term 1:

- [Understanding how a battery works](#) and [different types of batteries](#).



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	- Drawing and making and electric circuits. The class will use wires, batteries, small light bulbs and switches to design and make circuits. - Investigating sound waves and animal communication. We will learn about what sound waves are and then complete a detailed study on how Barn Owls, Pigeons and Bats communicate and hunt. - Mixing, separating and dissolving substances. We will practically learn that there are different ways to separate mixtures, eg by filtration, crystallisation, distillation, or chromatography. - Exploring chemical reactions. We will learn what the indicators for a chemical reaction are and complete some practical experiments to demonstrate these in class. - Investigating the properties of a material and their functions. We will research how materials such as glass, graphene and metallic foam were invented.
Technologies:	Digital: Gain confidence in using the various apps on their iPads such as Showbie, Bookcreator, GarageBand and Numbers for data handling. Electric: Circuit design, making and testing. Textiles: Fabric bag design using embroidery.
Expressive Arts:	FOCUS: Theatre Arts – props, lighting, costume, set design, etc Building confidence in theatre arts by creating, performing, and evaluating drama. Pupils are developing their understanding of stagecraft, including the effective use of space, props, costumes, set, lighting and sound to create engaging performances. Music focus: How to read and write music on the treble clef and read minims, crotchets, quavers, and rests to be able to play simple tunes and compose their own. Explore composition using the GarageBand App on their iPad. We will listen to different composers and styles of music and discuss how tone, melody, rhythm, and pitch impact how the music makes us feel. We will have a composer study for each term focusing on listening to Schubert in term 1 and Handel in term 2. Art focus: We will use the grid method of observation drawing to try and aid us with getting our proportions right. Techniques for using watercolour will be shown and children are welcome to use these paints for their class work. Towards Christmas we will learn the process for print making and hopefully produce some Christmas cards in time to be sent! In term 1 we will appreciate the art of Cézanne and in term 2 we will study William and May Morris.
Religious and Moral Education:	Term 1: Buddhism We will learn about the core teachings and values of Buddhism, its place of origin and history as well as key figures. Term 2: Buddhism and Journeys We will learn about the festival of Wesak and Nirvana Day.



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	In the lead up to Christmas, we will have a short series of lessons to look at pilgrimage journeys around the world and why they are of such significance to many people. At Christmas time we will learn about the significance of this holiday for the Christian faith.
Outdoor Learning and Learning for Sustainability Opportunities:	P7 will have many opportunities for outdoor experiences on their three-day residential. P6 will take part in a mini expedition on one of the days the p7 class will be away, details to follow in due course. One of our classroom values is respecting our environment and we make every effort to reuse and repurpose our resources. The class is currently making a large textiles nature display using recycled items.