YEAR 3 ANNUAL CURRICULUM – THE ANCIENT YEAR

	Michaelmas term		Lent term	Trinity term	
Topic History	Ancient Britons Old Stone-Age New Stone-Age Stone Age Britain	Mesopotamia Bronze-Age Mesopotamian achievements: agriculture, writing, the wheel	Ancient Egypt The pharaoh Gods Pyramids Everyday life The Rosetta Stone	Ancient Greece Ancient Crete Troy Dark ages	Classical Athens Olympia Olympic games
Wonders of the Ancient World	Stonehenge	The Hanging Gardens of Babylon	The Great Pyramid of Giza The Lighthouse of Alexandria	The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus The Colossus of Rhodes The Statue of Zeus at Olympia	
Topic Geography	Britain • Countries, capitals, rivers, seas, forests, famous landmarks in Britain • Natural environments: the forest layers (linked to Wood between the Worlds in *The Magician's Nephew*) • Deforestation	Ancient Near East • Mesopotamia • The Geography of Israel and the Old Testament Mapping the early Church	Africa and Ancient Egypt • Natural environments – the Saharan desert, river and floodplain, seas, mountains • Life in Ancient Egypt, and the importance of the River Nile to life in Egypt • Memphis and Karnak • Modern African countries and capitals	Europe • Countries and capitals, rivers, mountains • Greek landscape, natural landmarks, man-made landmarks, The Mediterranean Sea • Tourism in Crete • Visiting Athens today	

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Art	Pre-historic portraiture project Cave paintings: producing our own with pastels & paint	Mesopotamian royal portraits Creating our own royal lion hunt relief	Pattern project Producing Egyptian patterns, colour wheels and drawings		Architecture project Greek public art: The Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, drawing the facade	Architecture project Greek public art, The Mausoleum at Halicarnassus: making a model of the temple
English	*The Magician's Nephew*, C. S. Lewis Poems by Tennyson, Lear, Rossetti, Coleridge	*The Magician's Nephew*, C. S. Lewis Poems by Hopkins, Cowper and Southwell	*Tales of Ancient Egypt,* Roger Lancelyn Green Poems by Belloc, Hunt, Rossetti and Carroll	*Tales of Ancient Egypt,* Roger Lancelyn Green Poems by Crouch and from the Psalms	*Tales of Greek Heroes*, Roger Lancelyn Green Poems by Nonnus, Arnold, Marlowe, Hewlett and Spenser	*Tales of Greek Heroes*, Roger Lancelyn Green Poems by Euripides, Shakespeare, Browning, Kingsley, Virgil and Morris
Computing	*Reasoning*		Word processing Skills Digital literacy My online community Powerful passwords To buy or not to buy?	Presentation skills Internet research and communication Digital literacy Emailing Party planners	*Reasoning*	

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Maths	Arithmetic – foundation skills Geometry – visualizing and understanding 2D and 3D shapes The Ancient Year – the foundation of mathematics (Thales, Pythagoras, Plato), Junior Maths Book 1					
	Place value Counting Addition Subtraction Addition and subtraction 2D shapes Scales, estimation and rounding Measurement – length Measurement – mass Measurement – capacity Thales – circles and proofs Measurement revisited Mesopotamian contributions to mathematics: base 60		Multiplication Division Sequences Time Position – co-ordinates Drawing and measuring lines accurately Angles and direction An introduction to line symmetry 3D shapes Pythagoras – patterns and triangles Geometry of pyramids		Money Fractions Carroll and Venn diagrams Handling data Mental strategies Introduction to decimals Ancient Greek coinage system	
RS	The Old Covenant The plan of salvation, Old Testament covenant with God, God's love, covenant and law, Noah, Abraham, David	Judaism Obedience through love of God and his laws, Judaism as a biblical and world religion, sacraments of baptism and confession, God's mercy	The Messiah The life of Jesus, redemption, how Old Testament prepares for Jesus, how Jesus taught through parables and miracles	The Paschal Sacrifice The Mass, how Catholics respond to the call of Christ through faith and sacraments, the Last Supper and the Mass	The Early Church The Holy Spirit, the life of the Church the importance of the Holy Eucharist, the Mass, Pentecost, the Church, Mary	Revelation Life everlasting, Mary and the Communion of Saints, the four last things, the resurrection of the body, the Trinity

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Science	Healthy diets, food needed for growth, balanced diets, our bodies Skeleton and movement, parts of the body, the role of the skeleton, muscles, vertebrates and invertebrates	Friction and movement, push/pull forces, air resistance, water resistance Ancient locomotion: Sumerian invention of the wheel, comparing Ancient Britons and Incas; river transport Magnets, attraction, repulsion Archimedes (250 BC) Floating bodies	Rocks and soils, describing and classifying rocks and soil, how fossils are formed, sedimentary rocks Limestone of the Pyramids Aristotle (384-322BC) Contribution to geology	Green plants Growth, nutrition, flower parts, plant reproduction. Life processes – alive or not, making groups, nutrition, growth, reproduction The Nile's alluvial plain	Light and shadows, light sources, how shadows are formed, reflected surfaces, how we see, protecting our eyes The Lighthouse of Alexandria Ancient sundials	Designing experiments and introduction to experimental techniques, planning experiments, safety concerns, how to make a fair test, writing a conclusion Democritus (465 BC) – first scientist to propose the matter exists in the form of 'atoms'

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Music	**Singing** *Missa de Angelis* *Salve Regina* *Go Down, Moses* *Steal Away* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Rocking* *We three kings* *In the bleak midwinter* *The Holly and the Ivy* **Music theory** Music theory for young musicians (Grade 1) Writing music on the page Use of xylophones to read music **Music history** Origins of music Instruments of the orchestra **Developing skills** Simple time **Listening** *Peter & the Wolf* *(Prokoviev)* Gregorian Chant **Performance** Christmas carol service Class assembly	**Singing** Songs about Egyptians (Donna Minto) Songs from *Joseph and the Amazing* *Technicolour Dreamcoat* (Lloyd Webber) **Music theory** Music theory for young musicians (Grade 1) Composing waltzes Musical terms **Music history** Ballet, and music for dancing **Developing skills** Compound time **Listening** *The Nutcracker (Tchaikovsky)* *Swan Lake (Tchaikovsky)* *Sleeping Beauty (Tchaikovsky)* *Cléopâtre (Glinka)* *Romeo and Juliet (Prokofiev)* *Akhenaten (Glass)* *Aida (Verdi)* **Performance opportunity** House singing competition	**Singing** Songs from *The Ancient Greeks* (Green/Stanley) **Music theory** Music theory for young musicians (Grade 1) Scales and key signatures Composing pieces using xylophones **Music history** Elements of music Rhythm, pitch, timbre, etc. **Developing skills** Syncopation **Listening** *Hercules (Menken)* **Performance opportunity** Musical assembly

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Reasoning	**Non-verbal reasoning** • Similarities, odd one out • Analogies, series • Hidden pictures, reflected pictures • Synonyms, analogies, antonyms, word connections • Word categories, odd ones out, antonyms, Jumbled sentences **Verbal reasoning** • Synonyms, analogies, word categories, odd ones out • Add a letter, missing three-letter words, Missing letters, alphabetical order • Missing letters, spot the word, anagrams, join two words to make one • Word chains • Missing three-letter words • Join two words to make one • Alphabetical order **Non-verbal reasoning** • Matrices, combined pictures, nets of cubes • Codes • Nets of cubes, codes **Verbal reasoning** • Number sequencing, letters for numbers, • Number connections, missing numbers	*ICT*	**Non-verbal reasoning** • Combined pictures, similarities • Odd one out, analogies • Series, hidden pictures • Matrices, reflected pictures • Nets of cubes, codes **Verbal reasoning** • Sorting information, true statements, date/time problems • Synonyms, analogies, antonyms, maths problems • Word categories, odd ones out, word connections, Sorting information • Odd ones out, analogies, synonyms, true statements • Move a letter, missing three-letter words, anagrams, position problems • Alphabetical order, word chains, join two words to make one, maths problems **Non-verbal reasoning** • Similarities, odd one out • Analogies, series • Hidden pictures, reflected pictures • Matrices, combined pictures • Nets of cubes, codes

	• Letter sequencing, letter codes, make a new word, match the codes • word codes, match the codes, make a word from two words, letter sequencing • position problems, true statements, date/time problems • true statements, maths problems, date/time problems		• Hidden pictures, series **Verbal reasoning** • Spot the word, missing letters, join two words to make one, sorting information • Number sequencing, letters for numbers, number connections, position problems • Missing numbers, number sequencing, letters for numbers, true statements • Number connections, missing numbers, letters for numbers, true statements • Make a new word, match the codes, letter sequencing, sorting information • Make a word from two words, word codes, letter codes, maths problems