

Topic Overview 2025 Onwards

Semi formal and Formal Curriculum

Stage	Class grouping	Year									
		A			B			C			
EYFS	Reception	Getting to know us	Once upon a time	Travel and Transport	Me and my family	People who help us	Food around the world				
		Winter wonderland	Growing	Under the sea	Magic and Sparkle	Wonderful Wildlife	In the Garden				
KS1	Y1/Y2	Wizards and Witches	Celebrations	Pirates	All about me	Dinosaurs Roar!	Around the world				
LKS2	Y3/4	Transport	Magic and Mystery	Water world	Different Cultures	Fantastic Beasts	Tall tales				
UKS2	Y5/6	Changes	Chocolate	Old and New	Food glorious food	Out of this world	Heroes and Villains				
KS3	Y7/8	Pole to Pole	Read all about it	Take one picture	Rainforests	Save our planet	On the move				
Y9+KS4	Y9/10/11	Individuality	On the streets	Faith	Conflict	Technology	Climate Change	Think outside the box	Humans	In my place	

Complex curriculum Themes

- The themes outlined below are to give breadth of experience for the pupils following the complex curriculum.
- They are themes, not topics –there is no expectation that the pupils will learn skills and knowledge about the subject matter
- The themes are to spark staff imagination in devising a wide range of activities to develop pupil engagement
- Story sharing may follow the theme (see text map)
- Sensory activities including messy work, art, music, dance massage, dance etc. may also follow the theme
- Learning will be assessed using the engagement model, against learning intentions and using the Vale Routes assessment tool

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First School Lower Complex	Dinosaurs	Light and sound	A Bug's life	Paws, claws and whiskers	Circus	Enchanted Forests			
	Winter	Down on the Farm	Under the Sea	Celebrations	travel and transport	Pirates			
First school Upper Complex	Superheroes	Colour and light	gardens	It's magic!	Weather	Rainforests			
	Winter festivals	Long, long ago	Water, water everywhere	Frozen planet	Rockets and aliens	changes			
High School KS 3/4	Going to the movies	Heroes	colour and pattern	Woodland	Space Odyssey	Music around the world	Journeys	Pictures at an exhibition	Time Machine
	The Elements	Plants and growing	All the World's a stage	It's a wonderful world	World Kitchen	Blue Planet	People and places	Who dunnit!	At the Beach