

Year 2: The Forge Curriculum Topic Map

Academic Year 2024-2025

The Sir Donald Bailey Academy







Subject

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Science	Unit 2.1: The Needs of Animals and HumansUnit 2.2: Keep	ing Healthy Unit 2.3: Uses of Materials	Unit 2.4: Living things and their <u>habitats</u>	Unit 2.5: Plants Learning Journey	Unit 2.6: Seasonal Changes		
	 Know that caterpillars grow from eggs Label parts of a caterpillar Know that all animals have offspring and name common examples Make observations of chrysalis Sequence the life-cycle of a bird Observe the emergence of the butterfly Describe the lifecycle of a butterfly Investigate the eff the human body Describe the effect good nutrition to 	 foods to stay meal ygiene is well b show why nportant text to show why nportant fects of activity on ts of exercise and to what they are made from. Can they be changed? Explain why different materials were chosen to make certain objects in the local environment Test the properties of materials Plan an investigation into which materials can successfully cushion objects Carry out an investigation into which materials can successfully 	 Categorise animals in micro-habitat Identify the animals and plants found in a local micro-habitat Gather data on invertebrates in the locality Describe how creatures are adapted to their habitats Lesson 5-Sequence a food chain Lesson 6-Describe a food chain 	 Predict what will happen when a seed germinates Gather information about a seedling Recognise different forms of seed dispersal Describe the conditions in which plants grow Investigate how temperature affects germination Gather and record information about germination rates Draw conclusions about what conditions are needed for seeds to germinate 	 Measure temperature using a thermometer Measure and record temperature at different times of day and make predictions Explore shadows Investigate shadow length throughout the day Observe how day length changes over the year 		
History	Unit 2.1: Florence Nightingale/ Mary Seaco		he First Flight	Unit 2.3: Why was Newark Castle built and what was it for?			
	 Sequence the main events in the life of Florence Nightingale Compare the uniforms of nurses worn at the time of Florence with those worn today Write a letter explaining why Florence Nightingale should be a the Crimea as a nurse Compare the hospital at Scutari before Florence Nightingale a is was like afterwards Describe some of the ways Florence Nightingale helped improhospitals Describe important events from Mary Seacole's life 	allowed to go to rrived with what	r from oldest to newest and explain why	 Name 3 people who wanted to be King in 1066 and give a reason why each one thought they should be Describe how William became King in 1066 Describe what a motte and bailey castle is and explain why they were built Identify parts of Newark Castle that are Norman and say why it was built on this site Consider changes that have happened from the time the castle was built up to today 			
Geography	 Unit 2.1: Comparing Kingston (Jamaica) with the Le Find Jamaica on an atlas and describe where it is Describe some of the physical features of Jamaica (Physical G Describe some similarities and differences between life in life in Jamaica (insert the school locality) Describe different features of life in Jamaica Compare the school location to Jamaica 	1. Identify seven continents and five o Seography) 2. Describe the annual journey of hum	pback whales seven continents	 Unit 2.4: The United Kingdom Locate London in the United Kingdom and identify key features Locate Scotland and Edinburgh in the United Kingdom and describe some human and physical features Locate Belfast and Northern Ireland in the United Kingdom and describe some human and physical features Locate Cardiff and Wales in the United Kingdom and describe some human and physical features 			



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RE	Unit 2.1: Is it possible to be kind to	Unit 2.2: Why do Christians believe	Unit 2.3: Does praying at regular	Unit 2.4: How important is it to	Unit 2.5: Does going to a Mosque	Unit 2.6: Does completing Haj
	everyone all of the time?	God gave Jesus to the world?	intervals help a Muslim in his or her everyday life?	<u>Christians that Jesus came back to</u> <u>life after his crucifixion?</u>	give Muslims a sense of belonging?	make a person a better Muslim?
	Focus Religion: Christianity	Focus Religion: Christianity	Focus Religion: Islam	Focus Religion: Christianity	Focus Religion: Islam Theme: Community and belonging	Focus Religion: Islam
	Theme: What did Jesus teach	Theme: Christmas – Jesus as a gift from God	Theme: Prayer at home	Theme: Easter - resurrection	Local Agreed Syllabus Links	Theme: Haj
	Concept: Kindness	Concept: Incarnation	Concept: Commitment	Concept: Salvation	3.3 Worship and sacred places	Concept: Pilgrimage
	Local Agreed Syllabus Links 2.1 Myself and caring for others	Local Agreed Syllabus Links 1.1 Celebrations and festivals	Local Agreed Syllabus Links 3.2 Religion, family, community and prayer	Local Agreed Syllabus Links 2.3 Belonging		Local Agreed Syllabus Links 4.2 Symbols and religious expression
PHSE	Unit 2.1: Being Me in My World	Unit 2.2: Celebrating Differences	Unit 2.3: Dreams and Goals	Unit 2.4: Healthy Me	Unit 2.5: Relationships	Unit 2.6: Changing Me
	 Hopes and fears for the year Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Rewards and consequences Our learning charter Owning our learning charter 	 Boys and girls Boys and girls Why does bullying happen Standing up for self/ others Gender diversity Celebrating difference and still being friends 	 Goals to success My learning strengths Learning with others A group challenge Continuing our group challenge Celebrating our achievement 	 Being healthy Being relaxed Medicine safety Healthy eating Healthier eating Happy, healthy me! 	 Families Keeping safe/ exploring physical contact Friends and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Celebrating my special relationships 	 Life cycles in nature Growing from young to old The changing me Boy's and girl's bodies Assertiveness Looking ahead
PE	 Team Building To follow instructions and work with others To cooperate and communicate in small groups to solve challenges To create a plan with a group to solve the challenges To communicate effectively and develop trust To use team-work skills to work as a group to solve problems To work with a group to copy and create a basic map Fundamentals To develop change in direction and dodging. To explore how the body moves when running at different speeds To develop balance, stability and land safely. To explore and develop jumping, hipping and skipping actions. To develop coordination and combine jumps. To develop combination jumping and skipping in an individual rope. 	 Dance To remember, repeat and link actions to tell the story of my dance. To develop an understanding of dynamics and how they can show an idea. Use counts of 8 to help you stay in time with the music. To copy, remember and repeat actions using facial expressions to show different characters. To explore pathways and levels. To consider how much power to apply when aiming at a target. To develop striking to a target. To develop striking to a target. To select and apply the appropriate skill to the target game. To show an improvement in my personal best. 	 Enrichment: Balanceability Balanceability combines unique ergonomic balance bikes with a schedule of fun activities that aim to build confidence, spatial awareness and dynamic balance skills enabling young children to cycle without ever needing stabilisers. Gymnastics To perform gymnastic shapes and link them together. To perform gymnastics shapes with control and link them together. To use shapes to create balances. To link travelling actions and balances using apparatus. To develop travelling actions and balances using apparatus. To develop different shapes, take off and landing when performing jumps. To develop different shapes, take offs and landings when performing jumps. To develop rolling and sequence building. To create a sequence using apparatus. 	 To understand what being in possession means and to support a teammate to do this. To understand that scoring goals is an attacking skill and explore ways of doing this. To understand that stopping goals Is a defending skill and explore ways to do this. To explore how to gain possession. To mark an opponent and understand that this is a defending skill. To apply simple tactics for attacking and defending. Ball skills To develop rolling a ball to hit a target. To develop stopping a rolling ball. To develop kicking a ball. To develop throwing and catching. To develop dribbling a ball with your feet. To develop dribbling a ball with your hands. 	 Net and wall games To use the ready position to defend space on court. To develop returning a ball with hands. To play against a partner. To develop racquet skills and use them to return a ball. To develop returning a ball using a racquet. To play against an opponent using a racquet. Sending Rand receiving To track and receive a rolling ball. To send and receive a ball with your feet. To develop throwing and catching skills. To send and receive a ball using a racket. 	 Striking and Feilding Games 1. To track a rolling ball and collect it. 2. To develop under-arm throwing and catching to field a ball. 3. To develop over-arm throwing to limit a natters score. 4. To develop hitting for distance to score more points. 5. To be able to get a batter out. 6. To understand the rules of the game and to use these to [play fairly. Athletics 1. To develop the sprinting action. 2. To develop jumping for height. 4. To develop throwing for distance. 5. To develop throwing for accuracy. 6. To select and apply knowledge and technique in an athletics carousel



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Computing	<u>Unit 2.1: Coo</u>	<u>ling</u> <u>Unit 2</u>	.2: Online Safety	Unit 2.3: Spread	sheets Unit 2	2.4: Questioning	Unit 2.5: Effect Searching		t 2.6: Creating <u>Pictures</u>	Unit 2.7: Making	<u> Music Unit 2</u>	.8 Presenting Ideas
	 Algorithms Collision detecti Using a timer Different object Buttons Smelly code det 	on 2. Ema 3. Digit types	ching and sharing il using to Respond cal footprint	 Reviewing prior spreadsheets Copying and past totalling tools Using a spreads add amounts Creating a table block graph 	sting 2. Aski 3. Bina heet to 4. Usin and tree 5. Usin	ig and creating ograms ng yes/ no questions iny trees ig 2Question - a puter based binary programme ig 2Investigate – a -binary data base	 Understanding internet and se Searching the i Sharing knowle the internet an effective search 	arching imp nternet 2. Poin edge of 3. Piet d 4. Wil	roduction and pressionism ntillist art t Mondrian liam Morris realism and eCollage	 Introducing 2Se Making music Sound tracks 	. w 2. Pr qu 3. M	resenting a story three ays resenting ideas as a uiz aking a non-fiction fact e aking a presentation
Art	Unit 2.1: Still Life – Cezanne (begin with observational drawings of fruit, leading to work with pastels and paints, progress to using Paul Cezanne's work as an inspiration to explore techniques.)				Unit 2.2: Jamaican Art (choose a stylised piece of Jamaican art work as a stimulus for collage)		Unit 2.3: Stain glass Windows illustrating stories from the Old Testament (See RE link)		Unit 2.4: Shadows and Silhouettes			
	 Aims: Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences; Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; Know about great artists, craft- makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. Subject content To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products; To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination; About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work. 			 Aims: Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences; Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; Know about great artists, craft- makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. Subject content To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products; To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination; About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work. 		 Aims: Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences; Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; Know about great artists, craft- makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. Subject content To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products; To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination; About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work. 		 Aims: Produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences; Become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques; Evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design; Know about great artists, craft- makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms. Subject content To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products; To use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination; About the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work. 				
Music Key stage singing	Unit 2.1: Ourselves	<u>Unit 2.2: Toys</u>	<u>Unit 2.3: Our</u> land	Unit 2.4: Our bodies	<u>Unit 2.5:</u> <u>Animals</u>	<u>Unit 2.6:</u> Number	Unit 2.7: Story time	<u>Unit 2.8:</u> <u>Seasons</u>	Unit 2.9: Story Weather	Unit 2.10: Pattern	Unit 2.11 Water	Unit 2.12: Travel
sessions (bi- weekly)	Musical focus: Exploring sounds	Musical focus: Beat	Musical focus: Exploring sounds	Musical focus: Beat	Musical focus: Pitch	Musical focus: Beat	Musical focus: Exploring sounds	Musical focus: Pitch	Musical focus: Exploring sounds	Musical focus: Beat	Musical Focus: Pitch	Musical focus: Performance
Musical performance sessions with an outside provider (one half-term per year)	The children discover ways to use their voices to describe feelings and moods.	The children move and play to a steady beat and to sound sequences.	The children explore timbre and texture as they explore descriptive sounds	The children develop a sense of steady beat through using their own bodies	The children link animal movement with pitch movement to help develop understanding and recognition of changing pitch	The children explore steady beat and rhythm patterns	The children are introduced to famous pieces to stimulate composition	Children develop understanding of pitch through movement, songs and listening games.	Children have opportunities to create descriptive sounds and word rhythms with raps and songs about weather	Using simple notions, the children play, create and combine mini beast rhythms using body percussion and instruments	The children sing and play a variety of pitch shapes using movement and reading from scores	The children learn a Tanzanian game song and accompany a travelling song using voices and instruments.



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DT	Unit 2.1: Nutrition	Unit 2.2: Flying and Gliding	Unit 2.3: Build a n
	 Design 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 Make 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; Evaluate Explore and evaluate a range of existing products; Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria. Nutrition Use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes; Understand where food comes from. 	 Design, make and evaluate a <i>paper plane</i> that will sustain flight/ travel the furthest (challenge: how long); Design, make and evaluate a parachute and protection that will protect an egg when dropped from height. 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. Make 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. Evaluate Explore and evaluate a range of existing products; Evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria. Technical knowledge Build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable. 	 Design • Design purposefusers based on of • Generate, develord drawing, templar communication to Make • Select from and [for example, cur • Select from and construction mate characteristics. Evaluate • Explore and eval • Evaluate their ide Technical knowled • Build structures, stable; • Explore and use their products.

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Additional Commentary

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'.

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 gualifications 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 thoughout 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 7 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 guality 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 wall containing key vocabulary linked to the topic. These concept walls 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 on a wall. 2. The concept wall 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. Where year groups are causing a concern, Principals can opt to assess half-termly. 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'