

West Hill School Curriculum Overview KS3

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 & 9) our classes are mixed and grouped to ensure the best match both for pupils' academic and social needs. The content of the curriculum is presented on a three-year rolling programme with your child accessing it at the appropriate academic level. All teachers ensure that they assess pupils' prior learning and then deliver the appropriate content and the level to meet their needs. This approach ensures that no learning is missed and that the curriculum is responsive to the needs of each group. An overview of each subject is presented here.

English

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1 (2014-15)	<p><u>Non-fiction</u> Newspapers</p> <p><u>Fiction</u> Play scripts (The Demon Headmaster or Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - theatre visit)</p> <p><u>Drama</u> "A Christmas Carol"</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> Imaginary Worlds (pre/post 1914) James & The Giant Peach, The Lion the Witch & The Wardrobe, Gulliver's Travels</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> Journals / Diaries</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> The Canterbury Tales (visit to Canterbury)</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> Recount of visit</p> <p><u>Media</u> Film study & review</p>
Year 2 (2015-16)	<p><u>Fiction</u> Gothic genre - Frankenstein/Dracula</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> Our Day Out or other text Poetry study - anthology of poetry</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> Shakespeare - The Tempest</p> <p><u>Drama</u> Shakespeare workshop</p>
Year 3 (2016-17)	<p><u>Fiction</u> Fantastic Tales - narrative fiction</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> Writing to persuade - book covers/blurb</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> Childhood - Oliver Twist</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> Organising a Party</p>	<p><u>Fiction</u> Shakespeare - Romeo and Juliet</p> <p><u>Non-fiction</u> Research Project</p>

Maths

As Maths is a skills-based subject, the same topics are studied every year at an appropriate level for each pupil. Revision and consolidation of previously acquired skills is followed by new learning.

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Years 7-9	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions Shape Position and direction Data handling Measurement Using & applying maths	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions Shape Position and direction Data handling Measurement Using & applying maths	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions Shape Position and direction Data handling Measurement Using & applying maths

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Science

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Year 1 (2014-15)	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) Plants	Rocks Light & sound	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) Animals including humans
Year 2 (2015-16)	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) States of matter	Magnetism & forces All living things	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) Properties of everyday living things & reversible changes
Year 3 (2016-17)	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) Electricity	Evolution & inheritance Changes that form different materials	Assessment & review (module looking at all aspects of science) Earth & space
Year 9 (Higher) (2014-15)	Plants and photosynthesis Atoms, Elements and Compounds Gravity and Space	Electricity and Electromagnetism Metals and Metal Compounds	Assessment Genetics and Evolution Waves

Art

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1 (2014-15)	Art from around the world Japanese and African focus	Early art Cave paintings and aboriginal art	Egyptian Art Hieroglyphics and sarcophagi
Year 2 (2015-16)	Pop Art & graffiti Banksy Keith Haring Andy Warhol	Landscapes (industry) L.S. Lowry	Animals Techniques including batik, watercolour and printing Free choice of final outcome
Year 3 (2016-17)	Colour & processes	Childhood & portraiture Giuseppe Arcimboldo Van Gogh Peter Blake	Environment & recycle Andy Goldsworthy Henri Rousseau Tony Cragg

Time & Place

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1 (2014-15)	Around the world in 80 lessons: Africa/Russia/Asia/the Middle East Geography	Stone Age to Iron Age Historical and Geographical focus	Ancient Egypt Historical and Geographical focus
Year 2 (2015-16)	Medieval Britain History	Local Area Study Historical and Geographical focus	Physical processes Geography
Year 3 (2016-17)	First half term: Britain, 1509-1745 Second half term: Britain, 1745-1901 History	Human Geography	Challenges since 1901 History

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Design Technology

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Year 1 (2014-15)	Food Focus on eggs Materials Cams working toy & fleece hat	Food Food from around the world Materials Apron	London Eye Visit Food Food on the move Materials Drawstring bag
Year 2 (2015-16)	Food Healthy snacks foods Materials Christmas stocking	Food Convenience foods including pizza Materials Pizza placemat	Food Fruit & Vegetables Materials Moving monsters
Year 3 (2016-17)	Food Focus on cheese Materials Oven gloves	Food Staple foods Materials Tie Dye cushion	Food Using Technology to help us Materials Simple buggies

Computing

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 1 (2014-15)	Working & Communicating online Primary blogger Email E-safety	Making a piece of digital art Picture Manager Paint Photostory Making a Poster/Card Word/Publisher	Making an adventure story PowerPoint Programming Lego Wedo
Year 2 (2015-16)	Working & Communicating online Primary blogger Email E-safety	Making a spreadsheet MS Excel Programming Lego WeDo	Making an Animation Pivot Stick figure Making a piece of music Dance eJay
Year 3 (2016-17)	Working & Communicating online Primary blogger Email E-safety	Making a 3D model Sketch-Up Programming Lego WeDo	Making a podcast Audacity Making a website Google sites

RE

Three year programme currently under review

Religions covered include: Christianity, Muslim, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism

Music

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PE

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PSHCE

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