



Sheepscombe Primary School

An inspirational setting where all children flourish.



Sheepscombe Primary School Curriculum

Below are our whole school Theme titles and intended school Educational visits linked to each theme. We believe in working together and our whole school themes are carefully planned to meet the needs of all of our pupils at a cognitively appropriate level, bringing the National Curriculum to life and inspiring a new generation of committed and inquisitive learners. Each theme is planned collaboratively by our teaching team, ensuring progression and challenge from our youngest pupils in our Nursery to our oldest pupils in year 6, set within our whole school values of respect, courage, kindness, honesty, thoughtfulness and tolerance. Our School Community - children, staff, parents, governors and the wider community values this sense of shared and purposeful learning. Our curriculum has a golden thread of environmental sustainability which permeates all areas, developing a sense of responsibility for the future and a reflection on our past for all of our pupils at a personal, local, national and global level. Please see our thematic pages on our website for the detail of each theme across each subject as well as subject specific pages for more details as to how each subject is led, taught and assessed.

Our themes are intentionally chosen to give full National Curriculum coverage with an emphasis on particular Humanities subjects each term. Every subject is taught within the theme and linked to it when it is meaningful. Some subjects are taught through a scheme and for some subjects we have developed our own curriculum (Art and Design, DT, Music, Geography, History, English, PSHE, Forest School). The school has implemented the 'Can Do Maths' programme for Mathematics, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Programme for phonics, Developing Experts for Science and Computing from the National Centre for Computing Education. For R.E we use the Gloucestershire Agreed Syllabus and for Languages we use Language Angels. We use Atlas Sports for our PE Scheme of Work. At the end of each theme children present their work to their parents and to governors. The school also has subject specific or themed days over the year.

The curriculum is for all. We endeavour to ensure that children from all backgrounds and of all abilities have full access through inspirational and adaptive teaching.

Our established annual events include the Cheltenham Literature Festival, Cheltenham Science Festival, Stroud Mock trials, Cheltenham Music Festival, Library visits, Skill Zone visit (y3-6). Residential Outdoor Adventure (y3-6), Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz, Renishaw STEM challenge, Roses Theatre Pantomime visit, Stroud Lantern Procession, Sheepscombe School's Summer Musical Production, Harvest, Easter, Christmas, Remembrance, Faith based visits and visitors, Wildlife Photography, Forest School, World Book Day, Helicopter Stories, Charity fundraising, competitive sporting events and the Primary Maths Challenge. We endeavour, where possible to give real life, hands on, active experiences. Visitors to the school from the village and wider school community talk to children in our 'what it's like to be assemblies,' helping to get children thinking about their future from an early age. Please also see our commitment to '100 things every child will do during their time at Sheepscombe School'

Strand	Whole School Themes	Term 1/2	Term 3/4	Term 5/6
1	2023/24	Field to Fork History Focus Area: Hunter Gatherers, Early Stone age to Iron age farming, art and culture Geography Focus Area: Features of a maps and aerial photographs. Physical features of landscape. Seasons and farming. Farming in UK, Europe, North America study Educational visit: Sandfield Farm, Evesham, Cotswold Farm Park Specialists to School: Farms to Ewe	Full of Beans History Focus Area: Mayan civilisation (KS2), Explorers and early trade (KS1), South America study Geography Focus Area: continents and oceans of the world, comparison study of our local area to a place in South America, rainforests, natural phenomena, trade routes Educational visit: Cadbury World Specialists to School: Fair trade workshop	Eureka! History Focus Area: Ancient Greeks, their life and their legacy, Olympics, Greece today. Geography Focus Area: similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and Greece Educational visit: We The Curious Specialists to School: Guest visitors with expertise in Maths and STEM subjects for our Maths Olympics Summer Production: Troy Story

2	2024/25	Life on Earth History Focus Area: Significant ecologists and scientists connected with habitat exploration, Indus valley (KS2) Geography Focus Area: Where in the world am I? Comparing different habitats, wildlife climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, water cycle and co-systems. Educational visit: Bristol Zoo or The Living Rainforest, Oxford Specialists to School: Animal Encounters and our natural world. Antarctica - meet an explorer!	Grand Designs History Focus Area: Houses and homes through time including Anglo Saxons and the period beyond 1066 as a local study Geography Focus Area: Investigating the place we live and looking at human impact on the local environment, village study. Educational visit: National Museum of Wales - St Fagan's Specialists to School: Stroud Town 'Know your place' project	All Aboard! History Focus Area: A study of Maritime history, trade and exploration in British history including the race to the south pole, Scott and Amundsen; Cabot (1497); Cook (1761) Brunel (1806) Shackleton (1910) Geography Focus Area: Mapping; plotting sailing routes; cardinal points; trade - import, export; identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, Shackleton/Scott Educational visit SS Great Britain Specialists to School: Royal Naval visitor Summer Production: Pirates of the Curry Bean
3	2025/26	One Small Step History Focus Area: History of flight, turning points in British History. What was the global impact? To include Spaceflight and the Battle of Flight (include women in service, positive inventions including radar, radio, medicines. Geography Focus Area: mapping route taken by Amelia Earhart; case studies of African and Asian countries Amelia landed in (Physical and human geography). Educational visit: Filton Aerospace Specialists to School: Space Dome interactive visit	Good neighbours History Focus Area: the end of the Roman Empire and the start of Anglo Saxon -village life, settlement Geography Focus Area: investigating land use for now and then in Stroud, place knowledge and place names in the UK, use of energy, food, minerals and water, land use patterns the changing British way of life Educational visit: Anglo Saxon theme day in school Specialists to School: Local historian	Castles History Focus Area: the changing power of monarchs, social history, how we used to live. War of the Roses significant historical events, battle of Bosworth, Battle of Tewkesbury, significant historical person Richard III the changing power of monarchs Geography Focus Area: English cities, counties, countries; human geography - why were castles built where they were; what were there links to trade; how did castles effect the local economy. Educational visit: Warwick Castle Specialists to School: Visiting falconer Summer Production: A funny thing happened on the way to Camelot
4	2026/27	Let's get moving History Focus Area: Railways, mills, factories, wartime evacuation, turning point in British History, local study Geography Focus Area: To look at historic maps and how places can and are connected by the rail network. Railways of the wold - locational knowledge, land use Educational visit: STEAM museum Specialists/ Extras: Stroud Museum trip - Know your place project	It's a Good Year for Roses History Focus Area: Focus Area: Turning points in history beyond 1066 - Tudor and Elizabethan Britain & comparative study KS2 with Benin (non-European study) Geography Focus Area: Settlements, houses and land use in Tudor and Elizabethan times, exploration in Tudor times. Where in the world was Benin? (KS2) Educational visit: Stratford upon Avon Specialists to School: Shakespeare Drama teacher	Oak Ash and Thorn History Focus Area: Focus Area: Journeys in traditionally built boats including Vikings (KS2), Geography Focus Area: Where do (and where did) people travel by boat and why. Where the Vikings came from and went to. Physical geography of Scandinavia; how climate and topography effected Norse life, agriculture, trade and settlements; a comparison of Norwegian landscape with the plain of Yorkshire. The development of wooden ships and the Viking migration from their home to the rest of the world. Educational visit: The Matthew, Bristol Specialists to School: Master carpenter Summer Production: The Tempest
5	2027/28	Street Beneath our Feet History Focus Area: The Roman empire and its impact, who lived here before me? Investigate Roman Britain through the lives of the children, learn about Roman roads, visit baths and explore the Roman's houses and	Justice History Focus Area: the legacy and influence of Ancient Greek, Roman and Anglo-Saxon culture on language, people, places and with particular reference to the democracy of the UK today	Water, Water Everywhere History Focus Area: Canals, Victorians, Investigate locally the development of the canal system and its impact on land use and trade.

		towns. Find out what the Romans did for us, and what life was for the British during the years following the Roman invasion Geography Focus Area: Map of modern Britain over laid with Roman roads; volcanoes - Pompeii. Where do I live? Investigate the place that we live. To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a region in Italy Educational visit: Corinium Museum or Caerleon Roman Fortress Specialists to School: Living history visitor	Geography Focus Area: How civilisations and communities' function in the world, how rules are made and applied to allow everyone to live on the planet. Sustainable communities and our responsibilities to the wider world Educational visit: Bristol Museum Specialists to School: Ancient Greek workshop/drama	Geography Focus Area: Local habitat study, national, global rivers including water cycle, coasts. Rivers and coasts; Look at and investigate human geography around wetlands and manmade waterways. Use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies; comparative study with the Nile. Educational visit: Local river study KS2 Local stream study KS1 Slimbridge -wetland habitats & birds Specialists to School: The Rivers Trust, Stroud Valleys Project Visiting author Tracey Spires (Stroud Canals) Summer Production: Wind in the Willows
6	2028/29	How the Land Lies History Focus Area: Egyptians -daily life of Ancient Egyptians including housing, food, industry and travel and the impact of their landscape upon these Egyptian mythology and religion. Ancient Egyptians and how important the River Nile was to them. Geography Focus Area: aspects of ancient Egypt, the timeline, the geography of the landscape and iconic structures such as the pyramids. Comparison between England and Egypt. An examination of maps, symbols and compass directions. To consider how we treat the land now, the use of fossil fuels, our human impact and carbon footprint. Educational visit: Ashmolean Museum, Egyptian experience day at school Specialists to School: Visiting landscape poet	Gateway to the East History Focus Area: Ibn Battuta - traveller and explorer (KS2) Investigate the achievements of the earliest civilizations - an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a study of The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China. Geography Focus Area: Climate around the world, Famous landmarks, Human geography, population, economic activity, natural resources, study of China. Great Wall of China Educational Visit/to school: Prime VR for schools Specialists to School: Architecture workshop	300 Years of British History History Focus Area: Victorians British history. Famous People from Victorian times: Queen Victoria, William Morris, Charles Darwin and the Reformers (Factory's Act and Education Act). Victorian Schools in particular the Education Acts. Investigating the lives of wealthy and poor Victorians with emphasis on their daily activities. Geography Focus Area: Where did the Victorians go on holiday? UK study - human and physical geography including economic activity Educational visit: Black Country Living Museum Specialists to School: Workshops in school - smelting, brick making, Artist creating William Morris designs Summer Production: Oliver