



Lanchester E.P. Primary School
2025 – 2026 Year 3 Curriculum Overview



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Topic Title					
Topic Overview	<p>Take a moment to step outside. Turn off all your technology. Imagine this place 5000 years ago. What would you have seen? Head back to prehistoric times to gather berries and hunt down dinner. Unearth ancient objects and visit astonishing mystical monuments. Learn how the people of Britain developed over thousands of years, from the Stone Age to the Roman invasion. What tribal tales will you have to tell?</p>	<p>Explore with fresh eyes the art of the city, then capture a moment in time – perhaps a reflection on a building or a shadow passing by. Make a map of your home town and find out how things have changed. Has time changed town life for the better? How could you improve the urban environment? Take a look at how modern cities have unfolded.</p>	<p>Tremors. Overwhelming and mighty, Mother Nature’s awesome energies hiss and roar deep within the Earth. Plates collide, spewing lava. Rocks rain down and mud slides in torrents. Towns and cities vanish under ashen clouds. Discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters. Discover the properties of rocks shaped by the Earth’s breathtaking power. Watch out!</p>	<p>I am Warrior! I am strong, brave and powerful. Meet me in battle. Invade and attack, Romans versus the Celts, the fight is on. Discover warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar, and find out what the Romans did for us. Get ready for Gladiator School. When all that battling makes you hungry, relax, lie back and feast yourself on dormice and grapes, or perhaps a roasted swan sprinkled with nuts?</p>	<p>Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and swords as they begin to invade Britain. Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the life of the Saxons, Make a Saxon sword and decorate it. Choose to be a Saxon and trade your crafty goods. Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages?</p>
Engage Activity	Great North Museum – Stone Age workshop	We want to be Banksy! Graffiti Artist – Urban Art Captain Chemistry – Light	Clips about Pompeii/ Vesuvius eruption	What’s it like to be a Roman Soldier? We find out on our residential visit to Birdoswald! Captain Chemistry – Roman engineering	Jarrow Hall
Engage Activity	Mental Maths Stone Age	Forces	Natural Disasters	Romans Plants	Anglo-Saxons
Innovate Challenge		Producing street/graffiti art around school Create a sculpture	Make casts of victims of Pompeii		
Express Activity	What we know Fact poster	Kahoot	Paired presentation about what they have learned	Moldiv of information	Children to create a quiz for their peers
Novel / Text	Stone Age Boy - Satoshi Kitamura	Scribbleboy – Philip Ridley	Escape from Pompeii – Christina Balit Earthquakes and Volcanoes (Collins Fascinating Facts)	The Leopard in the Golden Cage – Julia Edwards	Anglo-Saxon Boy – Tony Bradman The Anglo-Saxons - Neil Tonge
Writing Genre	Fiction Non-Chronological Reports Informal Letter	Diary Recount Biography	Fiction- writing in the style of the author Newspaper Report - Pompeii	Formal Letter Non-fiction – creating an information book about the Romans	Persuasive writing – why I should be a Housecarl Instructions – preparing for battle



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History	The Stone Age	Research the history of a prominent city centre building How Newcastle has changed over time	Become archaeologists, discovering the ashen casts of the Pompeii bodies.	The Romans Hadrian's Wall	The Anglo-Saxons	
DT	Mechanical Systems Skill: Using pneumatics systems (balloons and syringes) to create a controllable, functional moving toy head. Product: Create a moving monster head.			Structures Skill: Create a range of 3D geometric shapes using nets. Create/or decorate a fort tower using Tinker CAD. Product: A Roman fort structure including key features.	Textiles Skill: To join fabric together using cross-stitch and decorate fabric using applique. Product: Anglo Saxon purse.	
Art	Mark Making Cave paintings around school to reflect modern day society.	Working with Colour Investigate work of artists and develop a painting or collage in a similar style (Keith Haring.) Street/graffiti art linked to Banksy etc. Sketching a local monument or statue, paying attention to its form, shape and design features.		Mosaics Linked to work on the Romans. Using a range of different materials including real tiles.	Anglo Saxon knotwork Block printing of knotwork	
	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Music	Drumming & Instrument Families	Drumming & Instrument Families	Drumming – Ensemble skills	Recorder	Recorder	Recorder
RE	What do Christians learn from the Creation story?	What does it mean to be a Jew in Britain today?	How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?	What is it like for someone to follow God?	What kind of world did Jesus want?	How and why do people mark the significant events of life?
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks – Connecting Computers	Programming A – Sequencing Sounds	Data and Information – Branching Databases	Creating Media – Stop Frame Animation	Creating Media – Desk Top Publishing	Programming B – Events and actions in programs
PSHCE	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Differences	Keeping Myself Safe	Rights and Responsibilities	Being My Best	Growing and Changing
PE	Net Games	Gymnastics	Invasion Games	Invasion Games	Athletics	Net Games
	Striking and Fielding Games	Athletics	Dance	Gymnastics / Dance	Invasion Games	Striking and Fielding Games
MFL	A New Start Getting to know you Numbers – 11	Colours Days/months Christmas	Animals I like and don't like Epiphany celebrations	Animals around us	Carnival/Easter	Breakfast, food nouns and a hungry giant A hungry giant story Going on a picnic
Science	Forces and magnets	Light and dark	Rocks, soils and fossils, earthquakes and volcanoes – making a volcano.	Animals (food groups and skeletons)	Flowering plants	Revisit / 'Working scientifically'
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division Length and Perimeter	Fractions Mass and Capacity	Fractions Money Time	Shape Statistics