Upper Key Stage 2
The Gates Primary School Curriculum Overview 2024-25

Term:	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Geography/ History	Hunter Gatherers	Iron Age to Stone Age: Hillforts	Mountains, Rivers and Coasts: The Water Cycle	Non-European Society and its contrast to British History Ancient Maya	Hunter Gatherers	
Geography /History SMSC Question	Cultural - Which era (stone, bronze or iron) had the biggest impact on our lives today?	Social – If you could travel back in time, what would you change about the stone age era?	Social – Why are people dying of thirst when there is enough water in the world?	Cultural - Is water fundamental to religion?	Spiritual – How have beliefs changed over time?	Cultural - Is Mayan culture still relevant today
Art/DT	Art – Collage Outcome: to create a cityscape collage Artist: Andy Burgess	DT – Food Make a wartime pie	Art - Painting Outcome: to create painting inspired by 'The Great Wave' Artist: Hokusai	DT – Mechanical and Electrical Systems Make an information book with moving parts	DT – Textiles Make an Egyptian Purse	Art - 3d sculpture Outcome: to create a Mayan mask Artist: Ancient Maya and Daniel Fenelon
Science	Living things and their habitats (life cycles, plant reproduction & animals)	Evolution and inheritance (changes over time – fossils, offspring, adaptation)	Living things and their habitats (classification)		Animals inc humans (changes in humans to old age)	Animals inc humans (circulatory system, diet, exercise, lifestyle, nutrients)
Science SMSC Question	Spiritual – Knowing that chimpanzees are our closest animal relatives, how do you feel when you watch them?	Moral – Is it right to clone animals? Would it be right to clone humans?	Moral – Is it right to test human medicines/cosmetics on animals?	Spiritual – Knowing that chimpanzees are our closest animal relatives, how do you feel when you watch them?	Moral - Who is responsible for the health of the country?	Social – Why do young people start smoking knowing
RE	Christianity: Why do Christians believe God is holy and loving?	Islam: What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?	Christianity - Incarnation Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?	Judaism Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?	Christianity – Gospel Christians and how to live: 'What would Jesus do?'	Thematic What matters most to Humanists and Christians? (Christians, Muslims, Jews, Non-religious worldviews)
Computing	Digital Citizenship	Digital Literacy	Computer Science		Information Technology	Project
Music / French	Music Djembe Course and notation lessons	French Classroom commands Numbers 11-20	Music Djembe course, rivers songs and notation lessons	French Presenting myself Days of the week	Music Livin' on a prayer	French The weather Points of the compass
PE	ABC's Gymnastics (1-6) Y6-Swimming	Send and Receive (1 Tactics and Strategies Year 6 -Swimming	Send and Receive (2) Dance	Attack / Defend Gymnastics	Competitive Orienteering Year 5 Swimming	Athletics Striking and Fielding Year 5-Swimming
PSHE	Relationships	Relationships	Living in the wider world	Living in the wider world	Health and Wellbeing	Health and Wellbeing

Big Question						
	What are The Gates Golden Goals?	Why is it important to celebrate Remembrance Day?	What are my New Year's resolutions?	What does the word 'inclusion' mean?	Earth Day How can I care for the environment? How can we lead greener lives?	World Ocean Day What animals are in the ocean? Why is it important to look after oceans?
	What is Commando Joe's and how will it help me?	Switch off Fortnight How much electricity do we use in school?	World Religion Day What religions do I know? Why is it important to learn about other religions?	International Day of Happiness What makes me happy?	Deaf Awareness Week What does it mean to be deaf?	LGBT Pride Month What does it mean to have pride?
	Why are British Values important?	UK Parliament Week What is Parliament?	Why is it important to talk to others? How does it help our mental health?	Down's Syndrome Awareness Week What is Down's Syndrome?	VE Day What is VE Day? Why is it significant?	International Day of Yoga What is Yoga? How can it help me?
	ADHD Awareness Month What can I do to release energy?	Disability Awareness Month What is a disability?	LGBT+ History Month	Autism Acceptance Week Is everyone's brain the same?	International Day of Families What does it mean to be part of a family?	Armed Forces Day What are Armed Forces?
	What is Black History Month?	Disability Awareness Month What is a disability?	Children's Mental Health Week What are feelings? How can I look after my mental health?		Stereotypes What is a stereotype?	Independence and Responsibilities What are my responsibilities?
	What does it mean to recycle?	What is Equality and Diversity?				Transition How do I feel about my next class?
Enrichment	Bolton Schools Music Concert Harvest Assembly Anderton Residential	The Mayor's Christmas Concert Visit the library Remembrance Assembly Zoo Trip	Rivington Trip Pantomime	Stem Boxes	Trip to the park Aspirations Week	Health and Fitness Week Aspirations Week London Trip
The Gates Great Expectations	*To hold an animal* *Take part in the 100 Book challenge* *To vote in an election* *Sponsor a child in a developing country* *Win a head teacher award as a class* *To speak in front of a live audience* *Visit the park*	*Take a selfie with Santa* *Take part in a whole school event* *To learn about our cultural heritage* *To send a letter* *To take part in a school production* *Send a Christmas present to someone in need*	*To watch a pantomime* *Win a head teacher award as a class* *Be seen in the media* *Look after a pet* *Take part in the 100 Book challenge* *To hold an animal*	*Take part in mini enterprise* *Visit different places of worship (church, mosque)* *To buy something*	*Sponsor a child in a developing country* *Win a head teacher award as a class* *To visit a museum/Victorian experience*	*To follow a basic recipe to make some food/ to bake* *Try a new sport* *Run 50 miles as a class* *Take part in a sponsored event* *To take part in a mindful activity* *Try different foods* *Watch a live sporting event*

| | | *To take part in a school production*
Take a trip to the library and become a member | | | | |