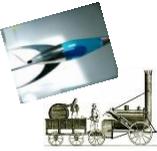


GRANGE FIRST SCHOOL KEY STAGE 1 TWO YEAR TOPIC CYCLE

(Topic areas may change to reflect our children's interests and to reflect topical events.)



	YEAR A	YEAR B
Autumn 1	<p>Superheroes: KS1 Scientists will be asking questions, testing, observing and gathering data to find out the human body, our senses and keeping healthy. We will use technology to explore similarities and differences between us. We will use our imaginations to explore what it would be like to have Superhero powers! As historians, we will find out about normal people with Superhero courage like Emily Davison and Rosa Parks.</p> 	<p>Grange Explorers! To start the year KS1 will explore the school grounds and develop their geographical skills in the surrounding environment of the school. They will then shrink down to study micro-habitats all around us. As historians KS1 will use a range of sources including photographs, log books and the memories of parents and grandparents to learn about the development of our school and how the lives of the children who attended it were different to their own</p> 
Autumn 2	<p>Time Travellers: KS1 historians develop their sense of chronology as we travel back through time. We will stop off to visit London at the time of the Great Fire. A range of sources will help us to follow lines of enquiry build up our understanding of how we find out about the past. Paintings and first hand reports will allow us to compare the Great Fire with the Fire of Newcastle</p> 	<p>The Polar Express (a trip to the North Pole) KS1 scientists and geographers will embark on a trip to the frozen north. On their journey they will find out about how animals adapt to their habitats and explore how we use different materials as well as use maps and geographical data.</p> 
Spring 1	<p>Animal Action! Help! Animals are in danger the world over and closer to home our pets face troubles. KS1 scientists and geographers will be finding out about animals and eco-systems around the world. We will learn about the plight of animals closer to home through visits from members of our community and will launch a campaign to preserve a part of local environment!</p> 	<p>It's Magic! A topic rich in magic and mystery that finds inspiration in books and stories and leads us to develop our skills as scientists, technologists and artists as we mix spells, potions and colours. We will work scientifically to explore every day materials and use technology to create mysteries and illusions.</p> 
Spring 2	<p>Geordie Genius! Over the centuries people living and working in our region have produced inventions that have changed the world. This topic combines history, science, DT and a huge amount of creativity as we take inspiration from inventors of the past such as George Stephenson as well as from the engineers and inventors of the 21st Century.</p> 	<p>Oj, Keep Out of Our Castle! How did our city get its name and why are there so many castles in our area? KS1 historians will be travelling back in time to find out what it was like to live and work in a castle in our region. We will visit the Castle Keep to learn about some of the key events in the history of our city...but don't get locked in the dungeons!</p> 
Summer 1	<p>In, On and Under The Sea: Who was Grace Darling and why do we remember her? What can we find in a rock pool? How many steps are there to the top of St Mary's lighthouse? What are the key features of our coastline? How will our technologists help the lighthouse keeper get his lunch?</p> 	<p>All About The Author... Building on Grange's membership of Newcastle's Literature Works project, this topic will be based around the work of well-known children's authors – with a focus on one particular author. In the middle of our topic, School Book and Storytelling week will fill our school with visitors, storytellers and authors</p> 
Summer 2	<p>Grange Gallery: Grange artists will visit local galleries to gain inspiration for the Grange gallery. We will study the work of famous artists, learn the stories behind pictures and follow lines of enquiry. We will look at art that tells a story about an historical event in our region</p> 	<p>Incredible Journeys: KS1 geographers will travel around the world learning about different countries through expert guides from well-known children's stories. They will listen to music from each country, study art work and create their own travel agency.</p> 
Continuous Learning Foci	<p>A selection of content from across the curriculum is taught throughout KS1 to promote deeper learning. In Geography we learn the location of continents, oceans and cities of this country through regular and repeated reference reflecting holidays, news and events. In science we work scientifically to observe, discuss and investigate natural phenomena including plants, local environments and the effects of seasonal change. Teachers and children use subject specific language on a daily basis to build up familiarity. In all of our topics we work hard to apply the skills we are learning in English and in Maths in purposeful contexts and through creating meaningful links reinforce children's knowledge and understanding. RE, Music, PSHE, Computing and PE are, where appropriate, incorporated into our topics, but also have separate schemes of work.</p>	
<p>Our School Drivers of Creativity, Community and Enquiring Minds underpin all of our topics</p>		