

Gordon Primary School Curriculum Map – Year 1, Autumn 2025-2026

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TOPIC	<i>What is in a name?</i> <i>Where is Home?</i>	
KEY TEXTS	<i>Alma</i> by Juana Martinez-Neal <i>Lost and Found</i> by Oliver Jeffers	<i>Beegu</i> by Alexis Deacon
ENGLISH <i>Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)</i> <i>Articles</i> <i>12, 13, 19, 5, 37, 29</i>	<u>Philosophical Thinking:</u> • What is a name? • How do we get our name? • Is having a name important? • Who are you? Is feeling lost the same as being lost? • Should you trust someone you don't know? • Should we ignore someone who speaks a different language? • What makes a place home? <u>Alma by Juana Martinez-Neal</u> Through exploring the key text "Alma" by Juana Martinez-Neal, the children will embark on a journey of self-discovery. They will delve into the background and heritage of the story's protagonist, Alma. Inspired by Alma's journey, the children will also explore their own names, discussing their thoughts and feelings about them. Additionally, they will research their own heritage and background, using the study of their names as a gateway to understanding their personalities and what makes them uniquely themselves. <u>Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers</u> While exploring the key text <i>Lost and Found</i> by Oliver Jeffers, the children will develop their understanding of friendship, empathy, and emotional connection. They will explore how small acts of kindness and care can build meaningful relationships, and how companionship can help overcome feelings of loneliness. This will support their social and emotional development, particularly as they build new friendships within their class and wider school community. The text also encourages discussion around	<u>Philosophical Thinking:</u> • Is feeling lost the same as being lost? • Should you trust someone you don't know? • Should we ignore someone who speaks a different language? • What makes a place home? <u>Beegu by Alexis Deacon</u> The children will explore the themes of being lost and finding a sense of belonging, both in a literal and metaphorical sense. Through empathy-building exercises, they will learn to connect with characters and brainstorm ways to support them. Additionally, they will delve into the meanings of various vocabulary words and explore thought-provoking questions that arise from their personal reflections.

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	recognising emotions in others and the importance of reaching out to those who may feel left out or alone.	
MATHS <i>CRC Articles 12, 29</i>	<u>Number and Place value</u> The children will begin this topic by counting to and back from 100 using concrete objects such as number lines and 100 squares. The children will master their knowledge of counting by comparing, ordering and writing numbers to 100 and discussing place value from zero. <u>Addition and Subtraction</u> The children will read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (–) and equals (=) signs. They will solve one- step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations. <u>Shapes</u> The children will name and learn the properties of common 2D and 3D shapes.	<u>Multiplication</u> Multiplication will be introduced as repeated addition. The children will learn to multiply by making groups and/or arrays. <u>Division</u> Through completion of practical activities, the children will learn to divide by sharing and making equal groups. <u>Fractions</u> To introduce the concept of fractions, the children will take part in practical activities to find halves and quarters of a shape. <u>Measurement</u> The children will recognise and use language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years. The children will also learn how to measure and use language related to measurement e.g. long, short, heavy, light, fast and slow.
SCIENCE <i>CRC Articles 19, 27, 29, 33</i>	<u>Seasonal Changes</u> The children will engage in observing and documenting changes across all four seasons, focusing particularly on the transition from summer to autumn. They will compare these changes, record their observations and describe the unique weather patterns associated with each season. Additionally, they will explore how day length varies throughout the year,	<u>Animals, including humans</u> The children will explore the diverse world of animals by identifying and naming a wide range of common species, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also categorise animals based on their diets, distinguishing between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Furthermore, the children will engage in drawing and labeling the basic parts of various animals, including the human body

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	fostering a deeper understanding of seasonal shifts and their impact on the environment.	and they will learn to associate each part with its corresponding sense. Through these activities, they will develop a comprehensive understanding of animal diversity and anatomy.
COMPUTING <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>16, 29</i>	<u>Staying safe online</u> By exploring e-safety, the children will understand where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet and other online technologies.	<u>Computers/Networks – Throughout the term</u> The children will learn how to name the different parts of the computer and begin to understand the purpose of a mouse, monitor, computer (brain) and keyboard.
HISTORY <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>12, 13, 17, 29</i>		<u>History Through Time</u> Through exploration of common words and phrases related to the passage of time, the children will develop an understanding of historical concepts. They will grasp key vocabulary such as <i>old, new, modern, past, present</i> and <i>future</i> . Additionally, they will develop the skills necessary to formulate and respond to relevant questions, fostering a deeper engagement with historical awareness and context.
GEOGRAPHY <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>12, 13, 17, 29</i>	<u>Local Area - My Classroom and School</u> Through engaging in fieldwork, the children will enhance their geographical skills by exploring their local environment. They will learn to use maps to locate the United Kingdom and its surrounding oceans. Furthermore, the children will pinpoint London on a map and conduct explorations within the local area of Ilford. They will create detailed maps of their school and its surroundings, employing geographical language to identify key landmarks and locations. Through these activities, they will develop a deeper understanding of their immediate surroundings and geographical concepts.	

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ART <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>12, 16, 21</i>	<u>Pop-Art Artist: Andy Warhol</u> The children will delve into the vibrant world of Pop Art, inspired by the renowned artist Andy Warhol. They will study Warhol's distinctive drawing techniques and apply them to create their own self-portraits in his iconic style. Using bold colours and a cartoonish approach, they will incorporate these features into their portraits, capturing the essence of Pop Art while exploring their own creativity and artistic expression.	
DT <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>16, 29</i>		<u>Mechanisms</u> The children will engage in hands-on exploration with sliders as they embark on creating a moving picture based on a familiar narrative. They will begin by planning and designing the page background, crafting the moving components and assembling the picture. Through this process, they will distinguish between sliders and levers, gaining a deeper understanding of mechanical movement. Following the completion of their projects, the children will critically evaluate their designs, identifying strengths and areas of development, while proposing modifications to enhance functionality and creativity.
MUSIC <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 28, 29, 31</i>	<u>Rhythm</u> This term, the Year 1 children will be starting to learn the basics of rhythm reading. They will learn to identify patterns, to recognise them written and to write their own. They will be learning to concentrate and listen and tell whether a sound is higher pitch, lower pitch, longer, shorter from a series of sounds, and to recognize different instruments. They will start learning to play songs on the Glockenspiels.	
PE <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>3, 6, 29, 31</i>	<u>Outdoor PE – Hit, Catch and Run</u> -Catching ready position	<u>Outdoor PE – Hit, Catch and Run</u> -Running

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	-Underarm pass -Bounce pass -Overhead pass <u>Indoor PE – Apparatus</u> - Travelling in a variety of different ways: (running, jogging, skipping, leaping, galloping, hopping, crawling and tiptoeing) -Agility -Balance -Coordination	-Throwing -Catching -Team Games <u>Indoor PE – Gymnastics</u> -Rolling -Balancing -Points of contact
RE <i>CRC Articles 12, 13, 29, 14</i>	<u>What can we learn from the creation stories?</u> The children will talk about feelings associated with making and creating things and share ideas on how they think the world was created. They will decide on questions they would like to ask the creator. The children will recognise the Christian and Muslim belief about God and identify reasons why Christians and Muslims think it is important to look after our world.	<u>What festivals do different religions celebrate?</u> The children will talk about celebrations. They will discuss the Christian belief about Jesus and say how this is shown in the Christmas story. They will name some things that happen at Hannukah, Diwali and Christmas. The children will retell and identify why the story of Prince Rama and Princess Sita is important to Hindus at Diwali.
PSHE <i>CRC Articles 12, 13, 29, 14</i>	<u>Being Me in My World</u> • I feel special and safe in my class • I understand the rights and responsibilities as a member of my class • I know that I belong to my class • I understand the rights and responsibilities of being a member of my class • I know how to make my class a safe place for everybody to learn • I know my views are valued and can contribute to the Learning Charter • I recognise how it feels to be proud of an achievement • I can recognise the choices I make and understand the consequences • I recognise the range of feelings when I face certain consequences • I understand my rights and responsibilities within our Learning Charter	<u>Celebrating Differences</u> • I can identify similarities between people in my class • I can tell you some ways in which I am the same as my friends • I can identify differences between people in my class • I can tell you some ways I am different from my friends • I can tell you what bullying is • I understand how being bullied might feel • I know some people who I could talk to if I was feeling unhappy or being bullied • I can be kind to children who are bullied • I know how to make new friends • I know how it feels to make a new friend

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	I understand my choices in following the Learning Charter	- I can tell you some ways I am different from my friends - I understand these differences make us all special and unique
SPANISH <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 23, 28, 30, 31, 39, 42</i>	<u>Greetings</u> In this unit, the pupils will learn the vocabulary for basic greetings in the foreign language enabling them to participate in a short oral conversation by the end of the unit. - Saying and understanding basic greetings (<i>Hola, Adiós</i>) - Asking and saying how you are feeling (<i>bien, mal, regular</i>) - Asking and saying your name	<u>Colours and numbers</u> In this unit, the pupils will learn to count to ten as well as learning ten popular colours in the foreign language. - Numbers from 1-10 - Colours in Spanish
Safeguarding <i>CRC Articles</i> <i>16, 12, 19, 29, 14</i>	The children will confidently talk about anything that worries them online during Computing lessons and know who to talk to. They will be able to explain why they ask for permission from adults about any content online. During circle time, the children will discuss how they might be the same and how they might be different to their friends. They will discuss how they might feel when they are bullied and how to show kindness to someone who has been bullied. The children will discuss how it feels to make a new friend and how we are all special and unique.	