Princess May Primary School

YEAR 3 — CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2026–2027

GLOBAL THEMES
We explore these Global Themes across the curriculum subject areas. We also learn about specific Sustainable Development Goals linked to our topics.

Autumn 2: A multilingual Healthy Lifestyle Programme for parents **Spring 2: Conservation campaign**
Summer 2: Community Garden Project

CHANGEMAKERS
Year 3's changemaker focus is Climate Activists. We learn about David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg and the impact they have had on our world.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT — R.E.D
Throughout the year, we learn how to flourish as individuals by exploring, reflecting on and developing our school values: Respect; Empathy; Determination (R.E.D)

ORACY
Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language, including debate. At Princess May we provide a high-quality oracy education by explicitly teaching children through talk and to talk. We focus on teaching the following skills across the curriculum areas:

Physical: With guidance, use posture and gesture to engage an audience. Understand importance of tone of voice and projection
Linguistic: Choose an appropriate sentence stem. Use taught vocabulary accurately in discussions
Cognitive: Explain reasoning using a range of conjunctions e.g., because, but, so. Ask relevant questions and summarise the answer
Social & Emotional: Demonstrate active listening by responding to the speaker Manage a talk task independently e.g. chaired discussion

	DISCOVER		EXPLORE		CREATE	
Subject	**Autumn 1**	**Autumn 2**	**Spring 1**	**Spring 2**	**Summer 1**	**Summer 2**
Reading (Destination Reader)	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Lost Species by Jess French and Daniel Long	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Boudicca (Famous People Famous Lives) by Emma Fischel Geronimo Stilton Graphic Novels #3: The Coliseum Con – Geronimo Stilton	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Princess and the White Bear King	An individual strategy is taught weekly: The Last Kids on Earth – Max Brallier	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Mouse Bird Snake Wolf by David Almond	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Journey – Francesca Sanna
Writing (Literacy Tree)	The First Drawings by Mordicai Gerstein	Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister	The BFG by Roald Dahl *book and film	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit	The Mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsberg	Cinderella of the Nile by Beverley Naidoo
Maths (Maths Mastery)	Number sense and exploring calculation strategies. Place Value. Graphs	Addition and Subtraction. Length and perimeter.	Multiplication and Division – 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,8, 10.	Time. Fractions.	Angles and Shape. Measures.	Securing multiplication and division. Exploring calculation strategies and place value.
Science (Kapow)	Biology: Movement and Nutrition	Physics: Forces and Magnets	Chemistry: Rocks and Soil	Physics: Light and Shadows	Biology: Plant Reproduction	Making Connections: Does hand span affect grip strength?
Humanities (Kapow)	History: Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?	History: Why did the Romans settle in Britain?	Geography: Why do people live near volcanoes?	Geography: Who lives in Antartica?	History: What did the ancient Egyptians believe?	Geography: Are all settlements the same?
Computing (Kapow)	Online safety	Networks and the internet	Programming: Scratch	Journey inside a computer	Digital literacy	Top trumps databases
Art (Kapow)	Drawing: Developing drawing skills		Painting and mixed media: texture and collage		Craft & Design: Ancient Egyptian scrolls	
DT (Kapow)		Cooking and Nutrition: Eating Seasonally		Structures: Products and packaging		Textiles: Egyptian collar
Music (Charanga)	Let Your Spirit Fly	Glockenspiel Stage 1	Three Little Birds	The Dragon Song	Bringing Us Together	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
RE (Kapow)	What makes us human?	Where do our morals come from?	Is scripture central to religion?	What happens if we do wrong?	Why is water symbolic?	Why is fire used ceremonially?
Spanish (Specialist)	Spanish speaking countries, greetings, phonics 1, revision	Numbers, giving age, pencil case, phonics 2 La Navidad en España	Classroom language, Animals, colours, adjectives,Oso Pardo story (Brown Bear)	Days of the week, fruit & foods,Very Hungry Caterpillar story	Months, retelling stories,making a butterfly	Snack foods,ordering food in a café, roleplays
PSHE and Wellbeing (Kapow)	My healthy self: How can I take care of my mind and body?	Connecting with others: What helps us feel safe and included?	The online world: How should we communicate online?	Citizenship: What rights and responsibilities do we have?	Health protection: How can we prevent illness and injury and respond if they happen?	Citizenship: What careers do people choose and why?
PE (GetSet4PE)	Fitness; OAA	Yoga; Tag Rugby	Netball; Basketball	Fitness; OAA	Yoga; Tag Rugby	Netball; Basketball