Saplings Annual Overview 2026-27

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key Value	**Hope**	**Hope**	**Forgiveness**	**Forgiveness**	**Justice**	**Justice**
Linked values	**Generosity**	**Thankfulness**	**Friendship**	**Trust**	**Community**	**Responsibility**
Faith Links	**Harvest**	**Christmas**	**Chinese New Year / Ramadan**	**Easter**		
English Core texts	**Magic and Mystery** **Leon and the Place Between** - Angela McAllister & Grahame Baker-Smith **The Heart in the Jar** - Oliver Jeffers	**Dreams and Desires** **The BFG** - Roald Dahl **Farther** - Grahame Baker-Smith	**Hope and Healing** **Escape from Pompeii** - Christina Balit **The Last Garden** - Rachel Ip & Anneli Bray	**Overcoming Adversity** **The Lion and the Unicorn** - Shirley Hughes **Cinderella of the Nile** - Beverley Naidoo & Marian Vafaeian	**Mystery to Discovery** **How to Live Forever** - Colin Thompson **The story of Tutankhamun** - Patricia Cleveland Peck	**Pride and Downfall** **Jim - A Cautionary Tale** - Hilaire Belloc **Our Tower** Joseph Coelho
Writing - extended outcomes	Narrative Persuasive posters, setting descriptions, thought bubbles/diaries, dialogue Haiku Poem Character descriptions, narrative retellings	Instructions or News recount Recount (diary entry), character descriptions, wanted posters, new chapters, instructions Diary entry Retellings, recounts (postcards), setting descriptions, diary entries, instructions	Explanation [volcanoes] Setting descriptions, diaries, letters, thought bubbles Advertisement or dialogue Setting descriptions, advertisement/poster, retelling, instructional flyer, online response, dialogue	Argument [persuasion] Letters, diary entries, character and setting descriptions, non-chronological reports Short news report, diary entry, character description, advert	Lost Poster [sentence types] Lost posters, dialogue, setting and character descriptions, ledger entries, instructions, letters of warning Non-chron report Non-chronological reports, instructions, character descriptions, diary entry, newspaper reports and posters	Poetry - rhyming couplets Warning posters, warning announcements, alternative endings, performance poetry, letters of apology Poem Poems, setting descriptions, diary entries, dialogue, letters of thanks
Reading for Pleasure (books to be read by the class teacher)	**Matilda - Roald Dahl** **[Female Protagonist]**	**Varjak Paw - SF Said** **[Loyalty and Difference]**	**The Boy at the Back of the Class** **[Refugee]**	**How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell** **[Male Protagonist]**	**The MiraculousJourney of Edward Tulane** **[Classic Literature]**	**Charlottes' Web** **[Classic Text]**
Maths	**Number:** Place Value **Number:** Addition and Subtraction	**Number:** Multiplication and Division **Measurement: Area**	**Number:** Multiplication and Division 2 **Measurement:** Length and Perimeter	**Number:** Fractions A **Number:** Fractions B **Measurement:** Mass and Capacity	**Measurement:** Time **Number:** Decimals **Measurement:** Money	**Geometry:** Shape **Geometry:** Position and Direction **Statistics**
History		**British History:** Would you prefer to have lived in the Stone, Bronze or Iron Age?	**British History:** Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?		**British History:** What changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion?	

Geography	**Volcanoes:** Why do people live near volcanoes?			**Rainforests:** Why are rainforests important to us?		**Food:** Where does our food come from?
Science	**Energy:** Light and shadows	**Animals, including humans:** Movement and nutrition	**Materials:** Rocks and soil	**Animals, including humans:** Digestion and food	**Energy:** Electricity and circuits	**Making connections:** How does food affect muscle fatigue?
Religious Education	**Christianity: Theology** How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and other People is important?	**Islam: Human / Social Sciences** How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?	**Hinduism** Why does a Hindu want to collect good Karma?	**Christianity** Is the cross a symbol of love, sacrifice or commitment for Christians?	**Christianity: Theology** What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?	**Judaism: Theology** What symbols and stories help Jewish people remember their covenant with God?
Physical Educatio	**Tag Rugby** **Kinball/Volleyball**	**Dance** **OAA**	**Fitness** **Gymnastics**	**Netball** **Hockey**	**Athletics** **Tennis**	**Rounders** **Cricket**
Music	**Developing Singing Technique:** Theme: The Vikings	**Body and Tuned Percussion:** [Theme: Rainforests]	**Adapting and Transposing motifs:** [Theme: Romans]	**Learning an instrument:** Boomwhackers	**Learning an instrument:** Boomwhackers	**Learning an instrument:** Boomwhackers
Art	**Painting and Mixed Media** Exploring texture with paint and collage		**Drawing:** Exploring tone, texture and proportion		**Craft and Design:** Fabric of Nature	
Design & Technology	**Mechanical Systems:** Pneumatic toys	**Digital World:** Wearable Technology	**Electrical Systems:** Electric Poster	**Structures:** Constructing a Castle	**Cooking and Nutrition:** Eating Seasonally	**Textiles:** Cushions
Computing	**Data and Information:** Branching Databases	**Data and Information:** Data Logging	**Creating Media:** Stop-Frame animation	**Creating Media:** Stop-Frame animation	**Programming:** Sequencing	**Programming:** Repetition in Shapes
Languages	**Getting to Know You**	**All About Me**	**Food Glorious Food**	**On the Move**	**Where in the World?**	**Holidays and Hobbies**
PSHE / RSHE	**Being me in my world**	**Celebrating Difference**	**Dreams and Goals**	**Healthy Me**	**Relationships**	**RSHE**
Enrichment						**Whole School Trip**