



Shirley Junior School Curriculum Overview – Autumn 1

<i>Year</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Hook</i>	<i>Learning</i>	<i>Enrichment</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
3	Come Dine With Me	Breakfast party	Science/DT led -Teeth and healthy eating -Design and make healthy breakfast smoothies Literacy -Letter invites -Instructions	Chef visit – aspirational jobs Sports talk – Team Spirit PE - Fitness	Children throw their own 'thank you' breakfast for adults who help them in school.
4	Ticket to Ride	Rock n Roll dance hall competition	Geography led - Geographical features of an area in UK -Trade links Literacy -Newspaper reports	'Scouser' visit and singalong Beatles band	"Ticket to Ride" – Year 4 performance. Children put on their own play for parents to demonstrate their learning.
5	Invaders vs Settlers	Play in a day – Theatre company experience	History led -Struggle between Anglo Saxons and Vikings in Britannia -Role of invaders Literacy -Historical narrative	Viking cooking – making and tasting viking recipes	Viking battle – children use strategy skills and knowledge learned about the Vikings to take on a role and reinact a Viking battle.
6	Secret Spitfires	Milestones museum – exploring a country at war.	History Led -study of local history – Southampton at war -Significant turning point in history – battle of Britain Literacy -Non chronological reports	Solent Aviation museum – exploring the Spitfire	Presentations of learning to key members of the public – children give an informative talk on their topic.



Shirley Junior School Curriculum Overview – Autumn 2

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3	Walk Like An Egyptian	Archaeology day – What does it mean to discover the past?	History Led -Ancient civilisations and their achievements Literacy -Narrative – The Ancient Egyptian Cinderella -Non Chronological information page	Rituals – learn to mummify a fish	Ancient Egyptian Banquet – children take on a role of a member of Ancient Egypt society at the banquet.
4	Better Than Stone!	Stone Age Hunt – take on the role of a stone age hunter gatherer.	History Led -Changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age Literacy -Information texts	Butser Ancient Farm – school trip	Hands on History museum – children design and make a museum for Year 3 children to learn with practical activities.
5	'CSI' Shirley	Crime scene in the classroom.	Science Led -Properties of materials Literacy -Recount - report	PCSO visit	Police evidence display – parents invited to see the process of the investigation and reveal the culprit.
	Space	Astronaut academy day – training	Book/Science led -Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce -Space	Astrodome	Digital recordings of space chapters to be sent to be reviewed by parents.
6	A Fair Christmas For All	Lush workshop – introduction into ethical products and what fair trade means	Geography/DT led -World trade links/distribution of wealth and producers -Packaging – reinforcing materials Literacy -Instructional writing -Narrative	Cooking – trialling potential recipes to sell Christmas Carolling	Creation of Christmas fair trade food packages to sell at Christmas Carol concert.



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3	The Firework Makers Daughter	Exploring fireworks; art, music and history	Book Study -Retrieval focus – setting descriptions -Inference focus – character development Literacy -Narrative	Role Play Day – acting out Lila’s journey through the jungle.	Firework display and outcome gallery for the children and parents.
4	Roman Invasion	Celts day – role play setting the scene	Book Study/History Led -British resistance to the Roman army Literacy -Recount/Diary	Fishbourne Palace – school trip	Outcome afternoon – parents invited to share children’s learning.
5	The Savage	Art-sketching skills – observational drawings of trees	Book Study -PSHE- emotions Literacy -Poetry -Narrative	The Common – exploring settings	Sharing of ‘lost chapters’ within the year group.
6	Wolves	Sarah Lean, author of ‘Wolves’ talk	Book Study Literacy	New Forest Wildlife Park visit.	Sharing of project with Year 6 children at Wordsworth.



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3	Let It Shine!	David Misell inventor- problem solving hook day.	Science/DT led -Using electrical systems in a product -Circuits and switches Literacy -Explanation leaflet -Persuasive advert	Scientist/Engineer talk – problem solving using science.	Sleepover – Children invited to test their torches at a sleepover in school.
4	Eruptions and Disruptions	Disaster Investigators – exploring evidence of a key historic disaster	Geography led -Physical geography of volcanoes and earthquakes -locating volcanoes in the world Literacy -informative play scripts (documentary writing) -explanation texts	Volcanologist talk – what is the science of Volcanoes?	Pompeii film premiere’s – red carpet and popcorn to share movies made about Pompeii
5	Shackleton’s Journey	Camping –children to develop on survival skills whilst camping	Book led -Character inference and deduction -Retrieval - Life on the Endurance learning about the past Literacy -Biography	Illustrator visit Survival skills	Shackleton’s Journey – Year 5 performance. Children to depict and represent the journey through dance on stage for parents.
6	The Arrival	‘A strange day’ – foreign language problem solving day	Book led -Explore the current affair issues of immigrants Literacy -Diary -Narrative	Talk from refugees	Book trailers created for parents to watch and comment on.



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3	Ground Force	School citizen day- how could we make our playground more appealing?	Science led -Plants and living things -growing Literacy -Instructions	Talk from the caretaker about importance of sustainable improvements.	Children spend day planting and improving school playground.
	Southampton Through Time	Walk The Walls – historical tour of Southampton	History led -Local history study – Southampton and the significance of its walls. Literacy - Historical Narrative – creating own setting and characters in writing.	D-Day American soldiers drama day	Chronological timeline museum for Year 6 buddies to walk through Southampton’s history.
4	Rags to Riches	Recycling – how can we make a difference in the world?	DT led -Design and make (join) own recycled clothing Literacy -Persuasive Speech	Meet a designer	Year 4 Catwalk – children walk the catwalk with designs and sell their garments.
5	The Power of Water	River trip – exploring rivers	Geography led -physical geography of rivers -PSHE – global citizen Literacy	WaterAid workshop	Water Aid Fair – children design stalls for the rest of the school to visit to raise money for Water Aid.
6	Holes (SATS)	PT/Obstacle course – in style of the camp in Holes.	Book led -Setting descriptions -monologue		Share setting descriptions with Year 3 buddies.



Shirley Junior School Curriculum Overview – Summer 2

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3	Shirley Cruises	River cruise on the Solent.	Geography led -Climate zones and locations -topographical features Literacy -recount -letters	Naval officer talk – discuss being at sea and travel	Parents invited to cruise through classrooms on Shirley cruise liners – making stops at key climate zones.
4	SJS a Living Habitat	Common trip – observe and compare the ponds on Southampton Common.	Science led -Living things and habitats Literacy -Information page? - Poetry	Stubbington residential	Grand opening – invite PTA and volunteers to be shown around the pond area with its improvements.
5	'All the Fun at the Fair!'	Paultons park trip – seeing rollercoasters in motion	DT/Science led -Cams and pulleys -Woodwork -Forces Literacy -Persuasive Advert		Creation of own theme park using fairground rides designed – assessed by Year 3 and Paultons Park manager.
6	'It's a Wrap!'	Theatre trip - Matilda	JETT led -Drama/literacy unpicking of script -Problem solving/organising the all aspects of the show (PSHE topic – 'moving on' – getting ready to transition to Year 7)	Drama workshops	Year 6 final performance.