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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school curriculum is designed to ensure pupils build and develop skills in all subjects as well as knowledge as they journey through the school. We believe it is important to nurture the 'whole child' therefore, within the learning pupils develop a range of skills including: resilience, co-operation, teamwork, perseverance, reflection, independence and compromise.

As we have developed our curriculum over the last few years, we have wanted to make sure all experiences are relevant to the children's learning they are currently doing in class, as well as recognising the pressure on parent contributions.

We are really pleased that we now have a range of experiences that build pupils confidence to be away from home, that develops independence as well as the opportunity to take part in a range of activities that the school cannot offer on our premises.

Year 3 – Sleepover This may well be the children's first experience of sleeping away from home and has been very successful with both the children and staff thoroughly enjoying themselves sleeping in the school. This links to the pupils creating and building their own torches, which they then have the opportunity to try out in the dark!

Year 4 – Foxlease This is a new residential for 2021. Building on from the Year 3 sleepover, pupils will stay in Lyndhurst in the New Forest for three days and two nights developing their independence. During their stay, they will take part in a range of activities linked to their science learning in school: pond dipping, animal tracks, night walks as well as an introduction to outdoor adventurous activities. This trip will cost approximately £190 which is much more affordable compared with the previous residential and has given us the opportunity to give pupils another experience before they reach Year 5.

<https://girlguidingactivitycentres.org.uk/centre/foxlease/>

Year 5 – Eco residential This is a new residential for 2021. An eco-linked theme split into 2 groups of 36 children. Children will stay from either Monday – Wednesday or Wednesday – Friday and sleeping in eco- dormitories. The cost will be approximately £150.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/minsteadstudycentre/parentschildren/planvisitparent>

Year 6 – France Residential This residential is in September 2022. A four night, five days residential at a PGL site in France. Pupils in our school learn French from year three; this will give pupils a real experience of French culture. They will also have the opportunity to continue their learning about the World War on a range of visits. As they are staying at a PGL site, the pupils will be able to experience a range of outdoor adventurous activities. As we are going in the autumn term, we have been able to keep the cost of this residential low at approximately £360.

Shirley Junior School is really lucky to have such a dedicated staffing team who are willing to give up their family time to take pupils on these experiences (staff do not get paid). We hope that as many pupils as possible can attend these experiences, any pupils who receive free school meals will be entitled to a 50% reduction on all experiences. For any pupil unable to attend, we will organise activities in school linked to their learning so they still have an enjoyable learning experience.

ALL PRICINGS ARE AN APPROXIMATE GUIDE – Confirmed costings will be sent along with an initial interest letter nearer the times of booking.

Yours sincerely
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Curriculum Topic Overview

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
3	Welcome to Wellness (SJS Spa)	Southampton Through Time	Walk Like An Egyptian	Let It Shine!	Ground Force	The Firework Makers Daughter
					Shirley Cruises	
4	Ticket to Ride	Better Than Stone!	Roman Invasion	Wild!	Eruptions and Disruptions	Rags to Riches
5	Mars Rover	Invaders vs Settlers	Boy at the Back of the Class	The Power of Water	There is no Planet B!	'All the Fun at the Fair!'
	'CSI' Shirley					
6	Secret Spitfires	A Fair Christmas For All	Wolves	Holes	Lab Rats	'It's a Wrap!'

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