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Cycle D	AUTUMN 1 Amazing Inventions!	AUTUMN 2 Why Remember?	SPRING 1 How to be an Archaeologist	SPRING 2 An African Adventure!	SUMMER 1 Dragonology	SUMMER 2 Ocean Explorers
TOPIC FOCUS	STEM focus history – significant people	History Importance of remembrance/ significance WW1/WW2	History - Ancient Egypt Geography – The Nile and landscape of Egypt	Geography Physical and human geography of Africa with particular focus on country of Kenya	UK History Exploring British history as told through legends – fact vs fiction.	Geography Ocean habitats
LITERACY TEXTS/ GENRES	"The Most Magnificent thing!" by Ashley Spires "Rosie Revere: Engineer" by Andrea Beaty "Journey" and "Quest" books – Aaron Becker	"Where the Poppies Now Grow" "Peace Lily" "Flo of the Somme" "The Christmas Truce" All by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey "A Christmas Story" by Brian Wildsmith	"Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery" by S.Pennypacker "The Egyptian Cinderella" by Shirley Climo "How to find Egyptian Treasure" by Caryl Hart "Return" by Aaron Becker	"Meercat Mail" by Emily Gravett "A Balloon for Grandad" by Nigel Gray "One day on our Blue Planet – in the Savannah" by Ella Bailey Texts about Wangari Maathi (Remarkable person - conservationist)	"The Reluctant Dragon" by Lesley Sims "The Egg" and "Dare to Care: Pet Dragon" Both by Mark Robertson "The Dragon Machine" by Helen Ward "Tell me a Dragon" by Jackie Morris	"The Wide, Wide Sea" by Anna Wilson "One day on our Blue Planet - In the Ocean" by Ella Bailey "Somebody swallowed Stanley" by Sarah Roberts "Clean Up!" by Nathan Bryon "Dear Earth" by Isabel Otter
	Narrative Character description First person accounts Information writing	Narrative Diary writing Recount Information writing	Narrative Information writing Instruction writing	Poetry Narrative Information writing	Narrative Instruction writing Poetry	Letter writing Information writing Instruction writing
MATHS	See separate document for Leo Class maths curriculum					

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SCIENCE UNITS	Leo Class science curriculum is taught as a 2-year curriculum. The content of each unit is adapted to the level the children are working at when the unit is studied, allowing them to revisit and build on the knowledge and extend their understanding when they study the unit for the second time. Scientific enquiry skills are threaded through the different units.						
	Human Body	Changing seasons Autumn to winter	Animal adaptations	The Earth and Space Link to seasons	Materials – States of matter	Animal classification – Seasonal change Spring to summer	
HISTORY	Significant inventors and inventions Thomas Edison Ada Lovelace Ole Kirk Christiansen – inventor of Lego History of Flight Wright Brothers Amelia Earhart	Remembrance Significant events Family histories Roles within WW1 and WW2	Facts about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation and their achievements Using sources Howard Carter — archaeologist and significant person Tutankhamun		Legend of St George Fact versus fiction — interpreting sources Medieval Britain		
GEOGRAPHY	Enquiry – how can inventions help with climate change? Links with current environmental issues. Fieldwork		Egypt and The Nile Understand the significance of the Nile for settlements, farming and trade	World Geography – landscapes and habitats of the African continent Focus: Kenya Map skills		World oceans and ocean habitats Map skills – locate Conservation – human impact and the need to protect oceans. Fieldwork	
ART/DT	DT – create their own invention – design, make, evaluate	Art – poppies printing watercolour DT – seasonal cooking	Exploring Egyptian art and sculpture Clay - artefacts DT – preparing Egyptian food	Mixed media art, e.g. collage, silhouettes and watercolours African artist TingaTinga DT – Masai necklaces	Exploring art associated with stories, myths and legends, including sculpture and illustrations.	Creating art from recycled materials Wildlife artist – Josh Gluckstein DT – summer desserts	

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					DT – design and create a dragon with moving parts			
RE 2-year curriculum	Why do we call God 'creator'?	Why is giving important to Christians?	Who is Allah and how do Muslims worship him?	What do Christians learn from the stories of Jesus?	What is the Torah and why is it so important to Jewish people?	Are words more important than actions?		
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing: Identity Building resilience Personal strengths and achievements Managing and re- framing setbacks	Living in the wider world: Using the internet Assessing online information. How data can be shared and used Life skills, e.g. getting around, using public transport, using money	Relationships: Managing our own emotions in different situations Recognising different emotions in others Managing our friendships, including online	Living in the wider world: Belonging to a group Being the same and different in the community Life skills: keeping safe in their local community — spotting risks field trip	Relationships: Managing secrets What is confidentiality and how can we manage this? Resisting pressure	Health and wellbeing: Healthy lifestyles Food and diet Exercise Medicine and keeping safe around medication. Life skills: preparing healthy food as part of a balanced diet		
SRE	SRE is taught across the year, adapted to the children's needs and their ages							
PE	Children receive two sessions of PE a week. The lesson delivered by our PE specialist teacher includes REAL PE Units chosen to match the cohort, summer athletics and sports delivered by external coaches e.g. cricket. The lesson delivered by the class teachers is tailored to the particular needs of the cohort. It includes elements of the 'Fizzy' programme and sensory circuits alongside focussing on key skills. Dance will also be included once or twice a year. Year Three children also access swimming alongside their cohort.							
MUSIC	Exploring different types of musical instruments	Singing and performing (Christmas carols)	Year 3 and 4 – Opera rehearsals Year 5 and 6 – composition and dot notation - linked to topic	Year 5 and 6 Composition linked to Masai tribe Percussion - African drums Year 3 and 4 – Opera performance	Glockenspiel Unit Year 5 and 6 – performance skills – end of year production	Year 3 and 4 – dot notation and composition Continue glockenspiel unit Year 5 and 6 – performance skills		
COMPUTING	Using technology safely Invention of the Internet e-safety	Researching safely online Creating stop-motion videos	Digital videos, using green screen Using QR codes	Simple coding and debugging programmes Including – Beebots	Typing skills Making e-books	Taking photos Importing images into other apps.		