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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Addition and Subtraction Shape	Money Multiplication and division	Length and height Mass, capacity and temperature	Fractions Time	Statistics Position and direction
English	RSW Unit A Leo and the Octopus by Isabelle Marinov Writing Outcome: Friendship Narrative The Search for Carmella by Chloe Savage Writing Outcome: Explorer's Log	RSW 2 Unit B The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers Writing Outcome 1: Setting Narrative Writing Outcome 2: Diary	RSW Unit C The Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis Writing Outcome 1: Finding Narrative Writing Outcome 2: Instructions	RSW Unit D Flower Block by Lanisha Butterfield Writing Outcome: Diary Grandad's Camper by Harry Woodgate Writing Outcome: Memory Narrative	RSW Unit E The King Who Banned the Dark by Emily Haworth-Booth Writing Outcome 1: Persuasive Letter Writing Outcome 2: Banning Narrative	RSW Unit F Tidy by Emily Gravett Writing Outcome: Environment Narrative Sportopedia by Adam Skinner Writing Outcome: Olympic Sports Guide

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Science	Tyrannosaurus Drip Living things and their habitats Why would a dinosaur not make a good pet?	Lightening McQueen By Disney Adapted by Ben Smiley Forces and movement Could Lightning McQueen race on our field?	Oliver's Fruit Salad Animals including humans How will 5 a day help me to be healthy?	Plants How can I be the next Master Chef?	Uses of everyday materials What materials would you use to build our school?	Consolidation activity
Geography	What would Dora the Explorer find exciting about Altrincham?		Why do we love to be beside the seaside?		Where would you prefer to live: England or Africa?	
History		'Twas the Night Before Christmas How have Victorian inventions influenced our lived today?		Who are the famous people who have made an impact on the world?		Why were Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus brave people?
Computing	Computing systems and networks 1: What is a computer?	Computing systems and networks 2: Word processing	Programming 1: Algorithms and debugging	ScratchJr	Creating media: Stop motion: Using tablets	Online Safety
RE	Christianity Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?	Christianity Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?	Islam Does praying at regular intervals help a Muslim in his/her everyday life?	Christianity Is it true that Jesus came back to life?	Islam Does going to a Mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?	Islam Does completing Hajj make a person a better Muslim?

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PSHE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me RSE
PE	Invasion Game Skills 2 Gymnastics - Pathways: straight, zigzag & curving	Dance - Pirates Fundamental Movement Skills 3	Net & Wall Game Skills 2 Yoga	OAA Tri Golf	Athletics 2 Striking & Field Game Skills 2	Target Games 3 Net & Wall Game Skills 2
Art and Design	Drawing: Understanding tone and texture		Painting and mixed media: Colour mixing		Sculpture and 3D: Clay houses	
Design and Technology		Structures: Baby Bear's Chairs		Cooking and nutrition: A balanced diet		Mechanisms: Fairground wheel
Music	Animals: Call and response	On this island: Singing Christmas Production	Toots	Toots	Space: Contrasting dynamics	Musical me: Pitch

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Enrichment Opportunities – Autumn Term

Half term	Enrichment opportunity	What the children will experience	Curriculum / wider link
Autumn 1	Field trip into Altrincham	Explore Altrincham through a local-area field trip and experience learning beyond the classroom.	Geography / Community
	Visit to Waterstones	Visit a local bookshop and explore a wide range of books, authors and reading for pleasure.	Reading / English
	Critters Day	Take part in an animal-focused experience linked to living things, habitats and scientific curiosity.	Science / Living things
	Dinosaur discovery	Explore dinosaur-themed activities (egg hunt) connected with the class science learning.	Science / Enquiry
	Dinosaur shoebox habitats	Create a shoebox habitat model and consider what living things need in their environment.	Science / DT
	Dora's suitcase	Use a themed local-area activity to explore places and what makes Altrincham interesting.	Geography / Local area
	The Big Draw Festival	Take part in the whole-school Big Draw Festival, exploring drawing and creative expression.	Art & Design / Whole school
	World Space Week	Participate in whole-school space-themed activities that promote curiosity about science, technology and exploration.	Science / STEM
	Halloween disco	Join the school Halloween disco as a social and community celebration.	Community / Personal development
Autumn 2	Victorian school museum and art gallery trip	Experience a Victorian school, museum and art gallery visit, making links with historical and cultural learning.	History / Art & Culture
	Christmas production	Rehearse and take part in the Year 2 Christmas production, developing confidence and teamwork.	Performing arts / Music
	Pantomime	Experience live theatrical performance and storytelling.	Culture / Drama
	Barvember	Take part in bar-model and problem-solving challenges that develop mathematical reasoning.	Mathematics

Half term	Enrichment opportunity	What the children will experience	Curriculum / wider link
	Parrot Club – selected EAL pupils (Autumn 2–Summer 2)	Access targeted language and communication enrichment for selected EAL pupils across KS1 and KS2.	EAL / Inclusion
	Learning Together morning	Welcome families into school for a shared learning experience with the children.	Family engagement / Community

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Enrichment Opportunities – Spring Term

Half term	Enrichment opportunity	What the children will experience	Curriculum / wider link
Spring 1	Rock pool – internal visit	Explore rock-pool life through an in-school experience linked to habitats and the seaside.	Science / Geography
	Yoga – guest instructor	Take part in a yoga session led by a guest instructor, supporting movement, balance and wellbeing.	PE / Wellbeing
	Storytelling Week	Enjoy stories through listening, retelling, discussion and imaginative response.	Reading / Oracy
	Careers Convention	Meet or learn about people in different roles and begin to explore future possibilities.	Careers / Aspirations
	Chinese New Year	Explore traditions and celebrations associated with Chinese New Year.	Cultural awareness
Spring 2	MediaCity / Pizza Express trip	Take part in an educational visit to broaden learning beyond the classroom and experience a local visitor destination.	Educational visit / Community
	Nurse visit – people who have an impact on our lives	Meet a nurse and learn about a role that supports and has an impact on people's lives.	History/Careers / PSHE
	The Great Sleepover	Take part in a shared school experience that develops independence, confidence and community.	Personal development / Community
	World Book Day	Celebrate books, favourite stories and reading for pleasure.	Reading
	World Poetry Day	Listen to, share and enjoy poems, rhythm and language.	English / Performance
	British Science Week	Participate in practical scientific discovery, investigation and questioning.	Science / STEM
	Children's sign-along training	Learn and practise accessible communication through signing and songs.	Communication / Inclusion

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	Easter Bonnet Parade	Design, create and share an Easter bonnet as part of a whole-school celebration.	Art & Design / DT / Community
	Learning Together morning	Welcome families into school for a shared learning experience with the children.	Family engagement / Community

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Enrichment Opportunities – Summer Term

Half term	Enrichment opportunity	What the children will experience	Curriculum / wider link
Summer 1	Knowsley Safari Park	Visit Knowsley Safari Park to encounter animals and extend learning about living things and habitats.	Science / Educational visit
	RE visit – Islam	Take part in a visit or experience linked to Islam and learning about faith in the community.	RE / Community
	Community read in the park	Enjoy shared reading outdoors as part of a community reading experience.	Reading / Community
	Numeracy Week	Take part in engaging number and problem-solving activities beyond everyday maths lessons.	Mathematics
	International Week	Explore different countries, traditions and cultures.	Geography / Cultural awareness
	Multi-cultural markets	Experience foods, displays and activities that reflect different cultures.	Culture / Community
	Cultural dancing	Explore and perform dances associated with different cultures.	PE / Performing arts
Summer 2	Wonder Dome	Experience an immersive dome activity that supports curiosity about space and science.	Science / Space
	Library visit	Visit the library and discover books available to borrow and enjoy.	Reading / Community
	Cheshire Ice Cream Farm visit	Take part in an end-of-year educational visit and shared enrichment experience.	Educational visit / Community
	World Music Day	Listen to and celebrate different styles of music.	Music / Culture
	First Aid Training	Learn age-appropriate first aid awareness and simple ways to respond safely in an emergency.	PSHE / Health & Safety