3D Class - Discovery Curriculum – World Around Us, 4 Lessons a week

Year	2025 – 2026 Autumn 1	2025 – 2026 Autumn 2	2025 – 2026 Spring 1	2025 – 2026 Spring 2	2025 – 2026 Summer 1	2025 – 2026 Summer 2
2025- 2026	Topic 1: Past and Present All About Me	Topic 3: Natural World Animals and their Homes	Topic 5: People, Culture and Communities Food from Near and Far	Topic 7: Past and Present Kings & Queens	Topic 9: Natural World Water and Rivers	Topic 11: People, Culture and Communities Music and Dance Around the World
	Suggested Key Questions:	Suggested Key Questions:	Suggested Key Questions:	Suggested Key Questions:	Suggested Key Questions:	Suggested Key
	What was I like when I was a baby?	Where do animals live?	What foods do I eat at home?	 What is a king or queen? What do kings 	Where do rivers start and end?	Questions: 1. What kinds of music and dance
	2. How have I	2. Why do animals need homes?	2. Where does our food come from?	and queens do?	Why is water important for	do you like?
	changed as l've grown?	3. What is the home of a	What foods are eaten in different	What did kings and queens wear in the past?	people, animals, and plants?	How do you and your family enjoy music and dance?
	What toys did I play with when I was little?	bird/fish/lion/inse ct called?	countries? 4. How do people	Where do kings and queens live?	3. What animals live in or near rivers?	What different types of music and
	4. What did my family use to do when they were	How do animal homes keep them safe?	eat or cook food differently around the world?	How is life different for kings and queens now	How do people use rivers and water?	dance have you seen from other countries?
	little? 5. What is the same	5. Do animals live alone or in groups?	5. What special foods are eaten during	compared to the past?	5. How does water move through the environment	What instruments have you heard people use in
	and what is	groups !	celebrations?		environinent	different places?

- different between then and now?
- 6. What do I want to be able to do in the future?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Order some simple phases in life. Baby, toddler, teen, adult, elderly.

Year 8: Describe memories and changes that have happened in their own lives.

Year 9: use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future.

Topic 2
People, Culture and
Communities
Celebrations



Suggested Key Questions:

6. How are animal homes different around the world?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Match animals to their homes using pictures or symbols.

Year 8: Name different animal homes and say why animals live there.

Year 9: Describe and compare different animal homes and explain how they suit the animal's needs.

Topic 4
Past and Present
Clothes and What
We Wear:



Suggested Key Questions:

Clothes and
 What We Wear

6. How is food the same or different in other cultures?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Identify foods I eat at home using pictures or symbols.

Year 8: Name and sort foods from different countries using simple categories (e.g. spicy, sweet, hot, cold).

Year 9: Compare foods from two cultures and talk about how they are similar or different

Topic 6
Natural World
In the Sky and
Space



Suggested Key Questions:

 What can we see in the sky during 6. Who are some famous kings and queens from history?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Identify a king or queen using pictures, symbols or role play.

Year 8: Describe what kings and queens did in the past using simple sentences or sorting tasks.

Year 9: Compare kings and queens from the past with those today, noting similarities and differences in their lives or roles.

Topic 8
People, Culture and
Communities
Jobs and Work



Suggested Key Questions:

(rain, rivers, sea)?

6. How have rivers and water been important in the past?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Identify sources of water and simple uses of water through pictures or sensory activities.

Year 8: Describe the journey of water from rain to river to sea in simple terms.

Year 9: Explain the importance of rivers and water for people, animals, and plants, including how this has changed over time.

Topic 10
Past and Present
The Great Fire of
London



Suggested Key Questions:

- 5. How do you think music and dance show stories or feelings from different cultures?
- 6. How can you move your body to different kinds of music?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise and respond to different sounds and rhythms using movement or instruments.

Year 8:Name different types of music and simple instruments from around the world.

Year 9: Describe how music and dance express culture and compare styles from different countries.

Topic 12
Natural World
Jungle and
Rainforests



Suggested Key

- What is a celebration?
- 2. What celebrations do I have with my family?
- 3. How do people celebrate in different countries?
- 4. What special clothes, foods or music are used in celebrations?
- 5. How are some celebrations the same or different?
- 6. Why do people celebrate special days?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise a main religious festival.

Year 8: Describe the main festivals of a religion.

Year 9: Begin to compare the main festivals of world religion.

- 2. What clothes do I wear now?
- 3. What clothes did people wear in the past?
- 4. How have clothes changed over time?
- 5. What did children wear long ago?
- 6. Why do we wear different clothes for different weather or jobs?
- 7. How are old clothes the same or different from clothes today?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Point to pictures of the past.

Year 8:
observe and use
pictures, photographs
and artefacts to find
out about the past.

Year 9: explain that there are different types of evidence and sources.

- the day and at night?
- 2. What is the sun, and why is it important?
- 3. What do the moon and stars look like?
- 4. How does the sky change from day to night?
- 5. What do astronauts do in space?
- 6. How is space different from Earth?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise and name objects in the sky (e.g. sun, moon, stars) using pictures or props.

Year 8: Sort and describe objects seen in the sky during the day and night.

Year 9: Explain simple differences between Earth and space and describe how we explore

- What jobs do people in your family do?
- 2. What different jobs do people have in our community?
- 3. What tools or clothes do people use for their jobs?
- 4. Why do people go to work?
- 5. How have jobs changed over time?
- 6. What job would I like to do when I grow up?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Match people to their jobs using pictures or props.

Year 8: Name different jobs and describe what people do.

Year 9: Explain how jobs have changed over time and compare jobs from the past and present.

- 1. What was the Great Fire of London?
- 2. When and where did it happen?
- 3. How did the fire start?
- 4. What happened to the houses and people during the fire?
- 5. How did people stop the fire?
- 6. How is London different now compared to after the fire?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise pictures and simple facts about the fire.

Year 8: Sequence the main events of the fire in order using pictures or simple sentences.

Year 9: Explain the causes and effects of the fire and describe how London changed after the event.

Questions:

- What animals have you seen or heard that live in the jungle?
- 2. What kinds of plants do you think grow in rainforests?
- 3. How do you think people live in the rainforest?
- 4. What sounds might you hear if you visited a jungle?
- 5. Why do you think rainforests are important for the world?
- 6. How can you help protect rainforests and the animals that live there?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Match animals and plants to pictures of the jungle or rainforest.

Year 8: Name different jungle animals and plants and say where they live.

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			space (e.g. astronauts, rockets).			Year 9: Explain why rainforests are important and describe how people and animals live there.	
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Topic 1: Past and Present All about Us



Suggested Key Questions:

- 1. What do we all have in common and what makes us different?
- 2. What were children's lives like a long time ago?
- 3. What did people wear, eat, and play with in the past?
- 4. How have homes, families, and schools changed over time?
- 5. What can old photos and objects tell us about people in the past?

2026-2027

Topic 3: Natural World Mountains, Volcanoes and



Suggested Key Questions:

- 1. What is a mountain, and where can you find one?
- 2. What is a volcano, and how does it work?
- 3. What are rocks, and where do you see them in nature?
- 4. How are mountains, volcanoes, and rocks different from each other?
- 5. What animals and plants live in mountain areas?

2026-2027

Topic 5: People, Culture and Communities Markets and Shopping



Suggested Key Questions:

- 1. Where do you go shopping?
- What can you buy at a market?
- 3. How is a market different from a supermarket?
- 4. What do people sell in markets around the world?
- 5. Why do people go to markets in different countries?
- 6. How has shopping changed over time?

2026-2027

Topic 7: Past and Present Famous People from the Past

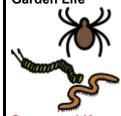


Suggested Key Questions:

- . Who is a famous person from the past that you know?
- 2. What did this person do that made them important?
- 3. How did this person's life change the world?
- 4. What challenges did they face?
- 5. How do we remember famous people from the past today?

2026-2027

Topic 9: Natural World Mini Beasts and Garden Life



Suggested Key Questions:

- What are mini beasts?
- What kinds of mini beasts live in gardens?
- 3. How do mini beasts help plants and the environment?
- 4. Where do mini beasts like to live and hide?
- 5. How can you look after mini beasts in your garden?
- 6. What can you observe about mini beasts'

2026-2027

Topic 11: People, Culture and Communities

Time and Timetables



Suggested Key Questions:

- What is a timetable?
- 2. How do you use a timetable at school or home?
- 3. What times do important activities happen in your day?
- 4. How do people use timetables in jobs like buses or trains?
- 5. How is a timetable helpful for planning your day?
- 6. How can timetables be different in other

6. How do we remember and celebrate people from the past?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Sort pictures of old and new objects (e.g. toys, clothes, homes).

Year 8: Describe similarities and differences between life in the past and now (e.g. school, family life).

Year 9: Use photos, artefacts, or stories to explain how people's lives have changed over time.

Topic 2
People, Culture and
Communities
Homes Around the
World



Suggested Key Questions:

1. What does your home look like?

6. Why are mountains and volcanoes important to the Earth?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Identify and match pictures of mountains, volcanoes, and rocks.

Year 8: Name and describe simple features of mountains, volcanoes, and types of rocks.

Year 9: Explain how mountains and volcanoes are formed and describe how they affect the land and people.

Topic 3
Past and Present
Schools Long Ago
and Today



Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Match items to where they are bought (e.g. market or shop).

Year 8: Name and describe different types of shops and markets.

Year 9: Compare shopping experiences in different cultures and explain how and why people shop differently around the world.

Topic 6
Natural World
Deserts and Hot
Places



Suggested Key Questions:

 What is a desert, and where can you find one? 6. What qualities do you think make someone famous or important?

Key Skills and Knowledge: Year 7: Identify famous people from pictures or simple stories.

Year 8: Describe what a famous person did and why they are remembered.

Year 9: Explain how a famous person influenced history and discuss their qualities.

Topic 8
People, Culture and
Communities
Recycling and
Looking After Our
World



Suggested Key Questions:

 What is recycling? behavior and movement?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise and name common mini beasts using pictures or real-life examples.

Year 8: Describe where mini beasts live and how they help plants.

Year 9: Explain the role of mini beasts in the garden ecosystem and observe their behavior carefully

Topic 10
Past and Present
Magic, Myths and
Legends



Suggested Key Questions:

- What is a myth or legend?
- 2. Can you name some famous

places or countries?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Recognise and follow simple daily schedules or routines.

Year 8: Read and use basic timetables to understand when activities happen.

Year 9: Create or explain more complex timetables and compare how timetables are used in different settings

Topic 12
Natural World
Buildings and
Bridges



Suggested Key Questions:

- 1. What is a timetable?
- 2. How do you use a timetable at school or home?

- What kinds of homes do people live in around the world?
- 3. Why are homes different in different places?
- 4. How do weather and climate affect 3. What kinds of the way homes are built?
- 5. What materials are used to build homes in different countries?
- 6. How are homes in other countries the same or different from ours?

Key Skills and Knowledge

Year 7: Match different homes to pictures of places or climates.

Year 8: Name and describe homes from different parts of the world.

Year 9: Compare and explain why homes are built differently around the world

- What was school like for children a long time ago?
- 2. How are classrooms different now compared to the past?
- things did children learn in old schools?
- 4. What rules did children have to follow then and now?
- 5. What games or activities did children play at school long ago?
- 6. How is your school day different from a child's school day in the past?

Key Skills and Knowledge

Year 7: Recognise and match pictures of old and modern school items or classrooms.

Year 8: Describe differences and

- What is the 2. weather like in a desert?
- What animals and plants live in hot places?
- How do people live in deserts and stay safe in the heat?
- 5. What do deserts look like compared to where we live?
- Why is water so important in hot places?

Key Skills and Knowledge

Year 7: Identify and name animals or objects found in hot places.

Year 8: Describe what a desert is like and name things that live or grow there.

Year 9: Explain how people, animals, and plants adapt to living in hot environments.

- 2. Why is it important to look after our world?
- 3. What things can you recycle at home or school?
- 4. How do people around the world help the environment?
- 5. What happens if we don't take care of the planet?
- 6. How can you help make the world a better place?

Key Skills and Knowledge:

Year 7: Sort objects into bins (e.g. recycle or rubbish).

Year 8: Name materials that can be recycled and describe why we recycle.

Year 9: Explain ways people care for the environment and suggest ideas to help protect the planet.

- myths or legends?
- What magical creatures or characters do these stories have?
- Why do you think people told these stories long ago?
- 5. How are myths and legends different from real history?
- What lessons or messages do these stories teach us?

Suggested Key **Questions:**

Year 7: Recognise and retell simple parts of myths or legends using pictures.

Year 8: Describe characters and events from a myth or legend.

Year 9: Explain the purpose of myths and legends and discuss the messages or lessons they contain

- What times do important activities happen in your day?
- How do people use timetables in jobs like buses or trains?
- How is a timetable helpful for planning your day?
- 6. How can timetables be different in other places or countries?

Suggested Key Questions:

Year 7: Recognise and follow simple daily schedules or routines.

Year 8: Read and use basic timetables to understand when activities happen.

Year 9: Create or explain more complex timetables and compare how timetables are used in different settings.

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	1.Who is in your		like?	today?	four seasons?	1.Do you know what it
	family?	2. What is the weather		•		means to have a job?
		like where we live?	2.Can you describe	2. Can you describe your	2. How are the	_
	2. Can you describe		the similarities and	favourite toy?	seasons different?	2.Can you recognize
	your family?	3. How does Weather	differences between	·		and name people who
2027		affect us?	different houses?	3.What toys did	3. How do the trees	help us?
2027	3. How does your			Victorian children play	change through the	
2020	family care for you?	4. What are weather	3.Can you describe	with?	seasons?	3. Do you know who
		symbols?	features common to			the emergency
	4. How are families		all modern homes?	4. What were early	4. How does the	services are?
	different?	5. How can weather	4.What were homes	20 th Century toys	weather change	4 140 4 15
	5. How is your family	be dangerous?	like in the past?	like?	across the four	4. What uniform do
	special?	6. What is hot and	5. What were Tudor		seasons?	people who help us
	6. Can you make	cold weather?	houses like from the	5. What are modern	5. What do you wear	wear?
	your family tree?	cold weather?	outside?	toys made of?	in each season?	5. What transport do
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	adult, elderly.	cold.		words to describe it.		Knowledge:
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	Year 8: Describe	what weather is	pictures of the past.	Year 8: observe or	keywords: Sunny,	Year 7: Pupils start
	memories and			handle evidence to	Rain, Cloudy, Snow.	being aware of

changes that have happened in their own lives.

Year 9: use words and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, latest, past, present, future.

Topic 2
Past and Present
Travel and
transport.



Key Questions:

- 1. What forms of transport do we have?
- 2. How has transport changed?
- 3. How have cars changed?
- 4. Who invented trains / planes?
- 5. Can you compare travel and transport of the past, present and future?

giving some examples.

Year 9: Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns

Topic 4:
People, Culture and
Communities
Celebrations and
festivals



Key Questions:

- 1.What are celebrations?
- 2. What celebrations do we all celebrate?
- 3. What celebrations / festivals are important to me?
- 4. How do people celebrate weddings around the world?
- 5. Why do people celebrate Christmas?
- 6. What gifts do we give on celebrations?

Year 8:

observe and use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past.

Year 9: explain that there are different types of evidence and sources.

Topic 6
Natural World
On the Farm
Growing.



Key Questions:

- 1.What are farms?
- 2. Why are farms important?
- 3. Can you name features on a farm?
- 4. What animals live on a farm?
- 5. What plants do you find on a farm?
- 6. What jobs are on farms?

find answers to simple questions about the past on the basis of simple observations.

Year 9: Construct informed responses about one aspect of life or a key event in the past.

Topic 8
People, Culture and
Communities
Our school
community



Key Questions:

- 1.Where do you live?
- 2. What does our classroom look like?
- 3. Where is our school?
- 4. What are the human and physical features of our school?
- 5. What is good about our school?

Year 8: Describe what weather is giving some examples.

Year 9: Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns

Topic 10
Past and Present
Exploring Seaside
holidays, past and
present.



Key Questions:

- 1. What is a seaside?
- 2. What do we know about the seaside now and in the past?
- 3. What were some of the seaside traditions?
- 4. What are similarities and differences between the seaside now and then?

stranger-danger situations, they will start to recognise a trusted adult from an untrusted person.

Year 8: Pupils are aware of strangerdanger situations, they will be able to recognise a trusted and untrusted person from given choices.

Year 9:
Pupils will identify the number of emergency services.

Topic 12
Natural World
Under the Sea.



Key Questions:

- 1.What are oceans?
- 2. Where are the world oceans?
- 3. What animals live in the ocean?
- 4. What plants live in the ocean?

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prepares students for adulthood.

	Key skills and knowledge:	Key Skills and Knowledge:	Key skills and knowledge: Year 7: Use	6. What are other schools like? Key Skills and	5. What do the people in Victorian times do at the beach?	5. How do we stay safe near the sea?6. How are oceans
s. e	Year 7: Complete some sequence of events.	Year 7: Recognise a main religious festival.	Keywords to label. Year 8: Use some words to describe the	Knowledge: Year 7: Recognise /point to a map.	6. What did the people in Victorian times wear at the beach?	under threat? Key Skills and Knowledge
p p	Year 8: sequence pictures from different periods. Year 9: use words	Year 8: Describe the main festivals of a religion. Year 9: Begin to	environment. Year 9: Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to	Year 8: Use some keywords to describe the surroundings during fieldwork.	Key Skills and Knowledge Year 7: Make some	Year 7: Realise the difference between land and water.
o la	and phrases such as: old, new, earliest, atest, past, present, uture.	compare the main festivals of world religion.	key human features – farm.	Year 9: Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to	simple links to objects to the past. Year 8: Observe and	Year 8: Use some words to describe the environment.
				key human features / physical features.	use pictures, photographs and artefacts to find out about the past.	Year 9: Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.
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