

MHSF Lenses and Questions Long Term Curriculum Overview

Using the National Curriculum and Programmes of Study as our starting point, we have interwoven our values: Be kind, Work Hard and Make a Difference, through our knowledge-rich curriculum across both the Infant and Junior schools. Consulting with all staff, from Reception to Year 6, we decided upon our core lenses:

Trade & Resources, Migration & Diversity, Civilisation, Democracy, Settlement, Society, Climate & Biomes, Landscape, Rights, Empire & Invasion, Sustainability and Power & Monarchy

The content of these lenses is carefully sequenced, challenging, inclusive and diverse. They provide meaningful experiences and knowledge that develop cultural capital for all of our children.

Our big questions link explicitly to the lenses and enable our children to have the space to think critically and form an opinion. They are encouraged to express this both verbally and in written essay form providing teachers with a variety of assessment opportunities.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS						
Lenses	Society	Diversity	Community	Landscape/Climate	Animals	Settlement
Topic Focus	Our new school, people who keep us safe in school, me and my friends	Significant events – remembrance day, bonfire night, Christmas, Hanukah, children in need	People who help us in the community	Plants – parts of a plant, what plants need to grow, vegetables	Animals – growth and development, life cycles, city farm	Going on a journey

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Year 1						
Lenses	Migration/Diversity	Settlement	Civilization	Trade/Resources * To be reviewed	Climate/Biomes	Monarchy
History	Why Do People Move to New Places? (Changes in living memory – making a distinction between the past, present and future “then and now”).			How Did the Changes in Transport Affect Trade? (changes over time)		Do Kings and Queens Have to Follow The Rules? (significant people)
Geography		What Makes This A Good Location For A School?	What Makes London a Capital City? (United Kingdom – identifying capital cities)		Why Does the Weather Change? (Weather in the UK - United Kingdom – cities – daily weather patterns)	
Science	Humans: How do we find out about the world around us?	Plants: What grows around me? (in our local area and around the school)	Animals: Are all animals the same?	Materials: Which materials are the most absorbent?	Materials (continued): Which materials are the most absorbent? Seasons: How do we know seasons are changing?	Plants: Are all plants green?
PSHE	Who is special to us?	What is the same and different about us?	What can we do with money?	What helps us stay healthy?	How can we look after each other and the world?	Who helps us to keep safe?

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Year 2						
Lenses	Community	Society	Landscape	Empire/Invasion	Rights/Democracy	Sustainability * To be reviewed
History		In what ways has London changed since the fire? Using their previous geographical understanding and historical knowledge to answer. (events beyond living memory)		Why did explorers travel to other places? (significant people in history and their impact on the places they visited - Events beyond living memory)	Should Everyone Have the Same Rights? (significant people in history)	
Geography	What Makes Finchley a Community? (geographical skills – map skills – constructing a key, map – human geography of Finchley) Significant people in the locality – Harry Beck		How Does the Climate Affect the World's Landscapes? (7 continents and 5 oceans – equator, hot and cold places – North and South Pole)			How Can Recycling Unite A Community? (comparing geographical features of a small area of the UK and a non-European country.)
Science	Living Things and Their habitats: Why do different living things live in different places?	Living Things and Their habitats: Why do different animals live in different places?	Animals Including Humans: How do living things change?	Animals Including Humans: How can humans stay healthy?	Plants: What should I do to grow a healthy plant?	Materials: How do we choose the best material to create an object?
PSHE	What Makes a Good Friend?	What Is Bullying?	What Helps Us to Stay Safe?	How Do We Recognise Our Feelings?	What Can Help Us Grow and Stay Healthy?	What Jobs Do People Do?

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Year 3						
Lenses	Migration & Diversity	Landscape	Society	Settlement	Civilisation	Trade & Resources
History	Finchley Now & Then: How and why has Finchley changed over time?		Stone Age to Iron Age: Which society was better and why?		Ancient Egypt: Were the Pyramids the greatest achievement of the earliest civilisations?	
Geography		London: Should we build on London's greenbelt?		Japan: How does the Japanese landscape affect settlement?		Caribbean: Is trade always good?
Science	Plants 1: What conditions do our plants need in order to grow?	Light: What can you see when there is absolutely no light?	Rocks: How are fossils formed?	Plants 2: I planted a tree 4 years ago. It now weighs 250 kg more. Where did this 250 kg come from?	Animals including humans: How does your body move and stand up?	Forces and magnets: Are all metals attracted to magnets?
PSHE	How can we be a good friend?	Why should we keep active and sleep well?	What keeps us safe?	What are families like?	What makes a community?	Why should we eat well and look after our teeth?

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<u>Year 4</u>						
Lenses	Democracy	Rights	Climate & Biomes	Empire & Invasion	Power & Monarchy	Sustainability
History	Ancient Greece: Was democracy the biggest gift from the Ancient Greeks to modern-day Britain?			The Roman Empire: How successful was the Romans' invasion of Britain?	Anglo-Saxons & Scots: Who ruled better - the Romans or the Anglo Saxons?	
Geography		Extreme Earth: Should people's rights change during a natural disaster?	Italy: How do the climate and biome affect where you choose to live in Italy?			Blue Planet: How can we save our oceans?
Science	Animals including humans: What can we tell about a dinosaur's diet when they have been extinct for 65 million years?	Electricity: Does electricity flow easily through all objects?	States of Matter: Does water (ice) always melt at the same speed?	Sound: How do instruments make different sounds?	Living Things and their Habitats: Are some animals more alike than others?	
PSHE	How do we treat each other with respect?	How can we manage risk in different places?	What strengths, skills and interests do we have?	How will we grow and change?	How can we manage our feelings?	How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?

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<u>Year 5</u>						
Lenses	Civilisation	Empire & Invasion	Sustainability	Power & Monarchy	Settlement	Trade & Resources
History	Early Islamic Civilisation: What's the biggest achievement of this civilisation?	The Vikings: Ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?		The Changing Power of Monarchs: Which monarch gave up the most power in his or her reign?		
Geography			Antarctica: Should we mine Antarctica for natural resources?		Rivers in the UK: Should we continue to live near rivers?	The Amazon Rainforest: Who benefits from trade?
Science	Earth and Space: What shape is the moon and does it change?/Why do the Sun and Moon look the same size in the sky?	Properties and Changes of Materials: Is it possible to separate even very small things like sand, salt and stones?		Forces: How can we manipulate/use forces to our advantage?		Animals, including humans and Living things and their habitats: How do the life cycles of plants and animals in the UK differ from those in the Amazon Rainforest?
PSHE	How can friends communicate safely?	What makes up a person's identity?	How can we help in an accident or emergency?	How can drugs common to everyday life affect health?	What jobs would we like?	What decisions can people make with money?

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<u>Year 6</u>						
Lenses	Migration & Diversity	Climate & Biomes	Society	Rights	Democracy	Landscape
History	UK Immigration: Should Britain encourage immigration?		Popular protest in Britain through time: Was there ever a British revolution?	Women/ WWII: Have women's lives in Britain improved over time?		
Geography		Galapagos Islands: Why do animals evolve differently?			UK vs USA: Can one person make a difference?	Race around the UK: How has the UK landscape shaped our society?
Science	Living things and their habitats: In what ways are living things the same and in what ways are they different?	Evolution and Inheritance: Why do animals evolve differently?	Light: Why do we see 'history' whenever we look at the stars?	Animals, including humans: What does a healthy lifestyle look like and why is it important to follow one?	Electricity: Why are insulators as important as conductors?	
PSHE	How can we keep healthy as we grow?		How can the media influence people?		What will change as we become more independent? How do friendships change as we grow?	