

John Ray Junior School Curriculum Map 2026 – 2027 – Year 3

Year 3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English texts	Core Text Ug, Raymond Briggs	Core Text The Accidental Billionaire, Tom McLaughlin	Core Text Varmints, Helen Ward	Core Text Charlotte's Web, E.B. White	Core Text The Great Kapok Tree, Lynne Cherry	Core Text The Ancient Egyptian Sleepover, Stephen Davies
Science	Rocks and fossils	Forces <i>Magnetic forces</i>	Animals including humans <i>Nutrition, skeleton and muscles</i>		Light and Shadows	Plants <i>Functions of different parts of plants and life cycles</i>
History	Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age <i>Deep study: society and its impact on community</i>		Local Area Study: Colchester <i>The historical significance of Colchester and how it has changed over time</i>		Ancient Egypt <i>Deep study: Rulers and governance – the structure of power and influence of belief on power</i>	
Geography	Where is Europe? <i>Key countries of Europe Key human and physical features of a region in Europe</i>		What is the difference between rural and urban UK? <i>UK counties and cities, urban and rural areas, compass work Map Skill 3 (British Isles)</i>		Urbanisation Fieldwork (local river) <i>What influence have local rivers had on the development of the local area? Physical and human features on rivers Map Skill 4 (Ordnance Survey)</i>	
RE Essex Scheme	Enquiry 1 How do people express commitment to religion / world views?	Enquiry 2 What is a Trinity?	Enquiry 3 What is philosophy? How do people make moral decisions?		Enquiry 4 What do Muslims believe about God?	Enquiry 5 What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?
Art	Aboriginal Art <i>Sketching and painting</i>		Pamela Sunday <i>Clay sculpture</i>		Pablo Picasso <i>Painted portrait</i>	
Design and Technology		Programming <i>Lego We Do</i>				River Structures <i>Design and investigate structures to enable boats to navigate rivers</i>
Computing	Digital Literacy	Connecting Computers	Stop-Frame Animation	Programming A	Branching Databases	Programming B
Music	Charanga: Three Little Birds		Charanga: Glockenspiels 1		Charanga: Bringing Us Together	
MFL Language Angels		Phonetics 1 & 2 I'm Learning French		Phonetics 1 & 2 Animals		Phonetics 1&2 Musical instruments
PSHE	MHM Meet Your Brain No Outsiders – This is our House	MHM Celebrate No Outsiders – We're All Wonders	MHM Appreciate No Outsiders – Beegu	MHM Relate No Outsiders – The Truth about Old People	MHM Engage No Outsiders – The Hueys in the New Jumper	RSE No Outsiders – Planet Omar
PE	Gymnastics Invasion games: football	Yoga Invasion games: tag rugby	Dance Principles of passing: netball	Boxercise Athletics	Fitness Principles of passing: handball	Striking and fielding Tennis