

John Ray Junior School Curriculum Map 2026 – 2027 – Year 6

Year 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English texts	Core Text Alma	Core Text The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, John Boyne	Core Text Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins	Core Text The Six Queens of Henry VIII, Honor Cargill-Martin	Core Text Fantastic Beasts, J. K. Rowling	Core Text A variety of short stimuli
Science	Light, eyes and reflection <i>How we see things and how light travels</i>	Electricity <i>Variation of components, functions, complex circuits</i>	Animals including humans <i>Circulatory system, nutrition, impact of diet, drugs and exercise</i>	Evolution, adaptation and heritage	Living things and their habitats <i>Micro-organisms, classification of living things</i>	Revision, retrieval and recap
History	Ancient Greece <i>A study of Greek life, achievements and their influence on the western world. Deep study: culture and society, philosophy, religion, democracy, arts and drama</i>		Civilisation A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066 <i>What makes a civilisation? Case study: war – What was the impact of WW1/2 on the UK and modern civilisation? (Two terms)</i>			
Geography	North American Continent <i>Physical and human characteristics In depth study of a region of North America (The Rockies)</i>		Key physical features of a region of North America <i>Natural disasters: hurricanes, flooding, volcanoes, earthquakes</i>		The Great Pacific Garbage Patch <i>Fieldwork: local area</i> <i>How do humans affect the planet and what can we do about it?</i> Map skill 6 (using grid references)	
RE Essex Scheme	Enquiry 1 How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?	Enquiry 2 How do Buddhists explain the suffering in the world?	Enquiry 3 What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?		Enquiry 4 Creation or science: conflicting or complementary?	Enquiry 5 How do beliefs shape identity for Muslims?
Art	Georgia O'Keefe <i>Sketching and acrylics</i>		Banksy <i>Graffiti art and stencilling</i>		Henry Moore <i>Sculpture</i>	
Design and Technology		Sustainable product design <i>Plan and design a new use for an old product</i>				Theatre design <i>Plan and design sets, scenery, costumes and props</i>
Computing	Digital Literacy	Communication Collaboration	Programming A	Spreadsheets	3D Modelling	Programming B
Music		Charanga: Happy		Charanga: Classroom Jazz 2		Production songs
MFL Language Angels	Phonetics 1-4 Presenting myself		Phonetics 1-4 Do you have a pet?		Phonetics 1-4 School	
PSHE	MHM Meet Your Brain No Outsiders – King of the Sky	MHM Celebrate No Outsiders – The Island	MHM Appreciate No Outsiders – Leaf	MHM Relate No Outsiders – The Only Way is Badger	MHM Engage No Outsiders – Teddy	RSE No Outsiders – A Day in the Life of Marion Bundo
PE	Gymnastics Invasion games: football	Yoga Invasion games: tag rugby	Dance Principles of passing: netball	Step Athletics	Fitness Principles of passing: handball	Striking and fielding Tennis