

Lawley Overview – Spring 2026 (1)

Geography	<p>Focus area: 'Why is Brazil important to us?'</p> <p>The children learn about the main geographical similarities and differences between their locality and a region of South America - Brazil.</p>
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Class	Lawley
Year	1 and 2
Teacher	Mrs Purcell
English	<p><u>Focus area 1:</u> Poetry – Listen to, discuss and perform poems by Matt Goodfellow, including Caterpillar Cake, Bathtime, River Lullaby, Zany Zoo, This Little Pencil, Hide and Seek and My Shell. The children will create their own poems.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 2:</u> Listen to and explore characters, settings and themes of stories with familiar settings, including Five Minutes Piece, Peace at Last and other stories by Jill Murphy.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 3:</u> Instructions – Read and follow instructions, look at the features of instructions and write their own instructions on how to grow a plant (linked to science).</p> <p>Focus Area 3: Fairy Tales – Listen to and explore characters, settings and events linked to a range of traditional tales, including Jack and the Beanstalk and Dick Whittington.</p>
Reading	<p><u>Bug Club Phonics:</u> wh (whale); ph (dolphin); ay (tray); ea (seal); ie (tie); ow (window); oe (toe); ue (blue); aw (straw); ir (bird); oy (boy); ou (shout)</p> <p>1:1 reading bug club books.</p>
Maths	<p><u>Focus Area 1 Place Value:</u> <u>Year 1:</u> The children will count, read and write numbers to 20 and beyond. They will compare numbers, using 'more than', 'less than', 'equal to', 'most' and 'least'. They will add and subtract within 20, using the symbols + - =. They will count in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children will find halves and quarters of shapes. They will use coins to make small amounts.</p> <p><u>Year 2:</u> The children will count in, read and write numbers to 100, developing an understanding of the place value of 2-digit numbers. They compare numbers using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols < > =. They will add a one-digit number to a two-digit number e.g. 23 + 5, and subtract a one-digit number from a two-digit number e.g. 28 – 5. They will count in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin to multiply and divide, using the correct symbols. They will develop further understanding of</p>

	<p>fractions, including one third, one quarter, two quarters, three quarters and one half. They will use money, including £ and pence.</p>
Science	<p><u>Plants</u>: The children will learn about, investigate plants around the school grounds and grow plants, learning about the parts of the plants and what they need to grow. They will investigate conditions for growing cress.</p> <p><u>Seasonal Changes</u>: The children will continue to develop their understanding of the four seasons of the United Kingdom: Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. They will investigate changes in weather and learn about changing conditions.</p>
Computing	<p><u>Focus Area 1</u>: Online safety - including using the internet safely, what happens when you post and share online and the importance of limiting screen time.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 2</u>: Word Processing – The children will develop use of the keyboard and learn basic typing. They will add an image and create a simple poem on Word.</p>
Geography	<p><u>Focus Area</u>: Our Local Environment – The children will explore the questions: Where are we in the United Kingdom and where are we in the World? What is it like in our classroom, school grounds and playground? How can we make our playground better? Investigate using a simple map of the playground and the school grounds.</p>
History	<p><u>Focus Area</u>: How am I making history? The children will think about their history and how they have changed since they were born. They will learn about childhood in the past and make comparisons. They will use timelines to organise events.</p>
RE	<p><u>Focus Area 1</u>: Christian Creation Story The children will learn about the Christian story of Creation and compare this to other ideas/ beliefs.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 2</u>: Christian Christmas Story The children will develop their knowledge of the Christian Christmas Story and how and why Christians celebrate Christmas.</p>
PSHE	<p><u>Focus Area</u>: Families and Relationships The children will talk about families and the differences in different families. They will talk about friendships and how to be a good friend, accepting differences and different viewpoints. They will also think about their own emotions and helping their friends when they feel upset.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 2</u>: Health and Wellbeing Children will focus on themselves, what they like and their goals. They will revisit their emotions e.g. happy, sad, angry, embarrassed and surprised. They will discuss the importance of exercise, rest and</p>

	relaxation. The children will discuss allergies and hygiene. Finally, they talk about people who can help us to stay healthy and happy.
Art	<p><u>Focus Area 1:</u> Drawing and Sketchbooks – explore and draw</p> <p>The children will collect small objects to draw, create patterns with natural objects and find patterns around them to draw. The children will look at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Hassan Hajjaj. They will collect autumn leaves and observe their lines and patterns carefully. They will use wax crayons and water colour paints to create wax resistant leaf paintings.</p> <p><u>Focus Area 2</u> Painting and Mixed Media – colour splash</p> <p>The children will investigate colour mixing with paints, create paintings and paint prints. They will try out paint effects, using the brush in different ways. They will finally look at the work of Clarice Cliff and create a paper plate of Cliff's Circle Tree Plate from the 1920s.</p>
PE	<p><u>Focus Area Games:</u> The children will develop their throwing, catching and ball control skills. They will play mini games, including basic attacking and fielding.</p> <p><u>Focus Area Gymnastics:</u> The children will develop shapes and balances on the mats and on small apparatus, including benches and a small vault. After half term, they will apply their skills on high ropes and ladders in the hall.</p> <p><u>Focus Area Cricket:</u> The children will develop basic catching, bowling and batting skills for cricket. They will apply their skills in cricket activities and mini-games.</p>
Music	<p><u>Focus Area: Reggae/ Hip-Hop</u></p> <p>The children will listen to, discuss, learn and play glockenspiels, using two upbeat songs, Rhythm in the way you Walk and Banana Rap.</p>
D & T	<p><u>Focus Area: Mechanisms –</u></p> <p>The children will explore game with moving sliding parts, and design and create their slider games.</p>