



THIS DOCUMENT IS a statement of the aims, principles and procedures for the wider curriculum at Elms Farm Primary School.

IT WAS DEVELOPED in 2020/21 through a process of consultation with Subject Leaders, staff and governors.

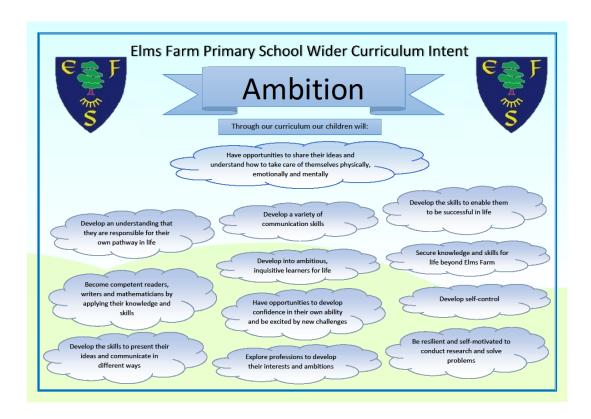
IT WAS APPROVED by the governing body in February 2021.

REVIEW: Annually in consultation with the Local Authority format.

1. Curriculum Intent

Our school's key values of: **Ambition, Community & Equality**, are threaded through our curriculum:

Ambition: we want our children to be ambitious, to develop their strengths and interests and hold high aspirations.

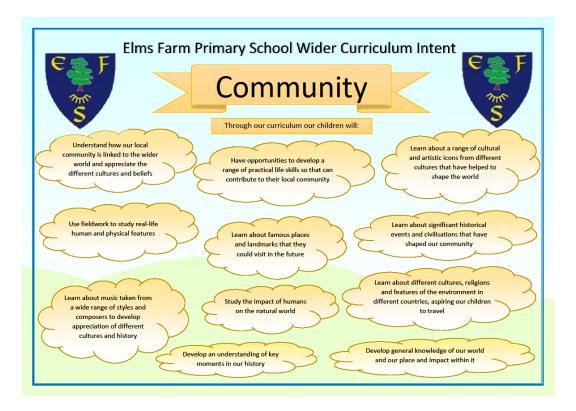


To develop ambitious, life-long learners with interests and passions which nurture their career choices.





Community: we take pride in our local community for our children to be proud of who they are and how they can contribute to their community and the wider world.

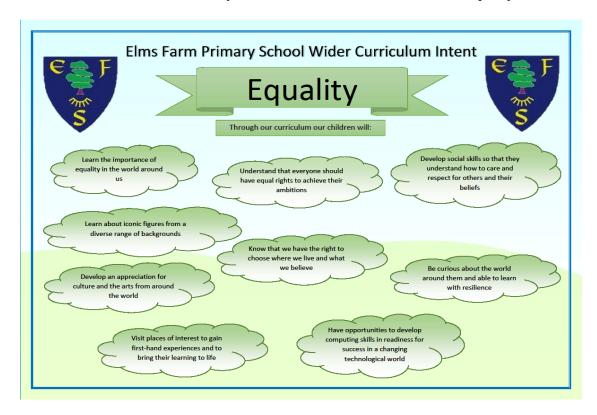


To nurture our children's knowledge of and pride in their local community and its links to the wider world.





Equality: Elms Farm Primary School values each and every pupil. We want our pupils to understand that everyone should be valued and treated equally.



For every child to feel valued, respected and to treat each other equally.





2. Legislation and Guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the National Curriculum programmes of study, which all maintained schools in England must teach.

It also reflects requirements for inclusion and equality as set out in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2014 and Equality Act 2010, and refers to curriculum-related expectations of governing boards set out in the Department for Education's Governance Handbook.

In addition, this policy acknowledges the requirements for promoting the learning and development of children set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

3.1 The governing body

The governing board will monitor the effectiveness of this policy and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The governing board will also ensure that:

- A robust framework is in place for setting curriculum priorities and aspirational targets
- Enough teaching time is provided for pupils to cover the National Curriculum and other statutory requirements
- It fulfils its role in processes to disapply pupils from all or part of the National Curriculum, where appropriate, and in any subsequent appeals

3.2 Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that this policy is adhered to, and that:

- All required elements of the curriculum, and those subjects which the school chooses to offer, have aims and objectives which reflect the aims of the school and indicate how the needs of individual pupils will be met
- The amount of time provided for teaching the required elements of the curriculum is adequate and is reviewed by the governing board
- Where appropriate, the individual needs of some pupils are met by permanent or temporary disapplication from all or part of the National Curriculum
- They manage requests to withdraw children from curriculum subjects, where appropriate
- The school's procedures for assessment meet all legal requirements
- The governing board is fully involved in decision-making processes that relate to the breadth and balance of the curriculum
- The governing board is advised on whole-school targets in order to make informed decisions
- Proper provision is in place for pupils with different abilities and needs, including children with SEN





3.3 Staff

The **Curriculum Leader** is responsible for ensuring that:

- The curriculum content is planned in collaboration with subject leads so that it successfully builds on the knowledge and skills taught at each key stage and fulfills the requirements of The National Curriculum Programmes of Study (2014)
- The curriculum contains content that has been identified as the most useful and that this content is taught in a logical progression, systematically and explicitly enough for all pupils to acquire the intended knowledge and skills
- They report to the SLT on the impact of the curriculum plan and identify areas for improvement
- Effective and purposeful schemes of work, learning resources, curriculum policies and classroom practices are developed in conjunction with subject leaders
- Ensuring assessment practices are implemented so that it helps pupils embed knowledge and assists staff in producing clear next steps, without creating additional workload
- Subject leaders are informed of any developments in the curriculum and monitor changes as they are implemented
- Topic overviews are in place to support teachers in developing medium term plans
- The curriculum is monitored and evaluated to further its development

Subject Leaders are responsible for ensuring that:

- Long term plans reflect the EYFS statutory framework and the National Curriculum programmes of study (2014)
- Concrete and skill progression are clear throughout each subject and provide a clear line of progression
- There is continuity and progression in their subject by supporting colleagues in choosing the appropriate sequence of teaching and teaching methods and set clear learning
- Where required, support materials are in place to ensure class teachers can deliver the EFPS curriculum to a high standard
- They monitor the way in which resources are stored and managed
- They monitor and evaluate their subject so that they can provide feedback to the curriculum lead, SLT and class teachers
- They develop plans for the subject which identify clear targets, times-scales and success criteria for its development and/or maintenance in line with the school development/improvement plan
- They assess pupil's knowledge and skills to ensure that there are high standards of teaching and learning
- They provide feedback to teachers about the strengths and weaknesses of their subject and any actions that are being taken to develop a whole-school approach





The **class teachers** are responsible for ensuring that they:

- Plan a progressive journey through each topic so that children can build on prior learning and apply their knowledge and skills that they have gained
- Teach the skill progression and concrete knowledge detailed in the topic unit overviews
- Assess pupil's knowledge and understanding so that they can revisit topics when required
- Ensure that there are resources in place to teach the curriculum and consult with the subject leader if resources are required
- Respond to feedback from subject leaders that have carried out monitoring or assessment in their class





4. Organisation and planning

Whole school topic overview

(Appendix A)

Specifies the topic questions to be investigated

Subject long-term plans

(Appendix B)

Details the programme of learning objectives for each subject: concrete knowledge, skill progression and vocabulary

Topic overviews

(Appendix C)

Details the concrete knowledge, skill progression and vocabulary that the children will be learning through each topic.

There are also:

-links to prior learning

-writing opportunities

-opportunities for teaching maths in context

-key texts for wider reading opportunities

-projects for practical subjects

-cultural icons to be studied

enrichment experiences & opportunities for parental engagement

Weekly journey plans

(Appendix D)

Weekly questions are planned for to match the required concrete knowledge and skill

^{*}see the appendices for examples of these documents





5. Wider Curriculum Approach

Our curriculum has a topic-based approach that encompasses the school values: 'Ambition, Community and Equality'.

Each topic has been carefully planned so that our pupils learn about our community links to the wider world. Progression is clearly planned through individual subject long term plans with a focus on both

- **skill progression**: to equip our pupils with subject skills ready for the next phase in education and the wider world.
- the acquisition of 'concrete knowledge': the fundamental knowledge which enables pupils to progressively learn about the world around us, our place in the world, and its history.

These are outlined in subject progression documents which detail the knowledge and skills that pupils should acquire by the end of Year 6.

In line with our English policy, key vocabulary and purposeful writing opportunities are integrated into unit planning. This enables our pupils to progress in vocabulary acquisition and understanding, in addition to providing purposeful writing opportunities whereby they consider audience and text types.

The application of 'Maths in Context' have been planned for to ensure that our pupils have numerous opportunities to apply their knowledge and skills in real life contexts.

5.1 Structure

Each topic has been framed around an overarching question. These questions provide contextual meaning for pupils and strengthen topic links to everyday community life. Learning is planned to enable pupils to answer overarching questions as part of wider curriculum assessment.

Weekly learning is structured through sub questions. Pupils produce, where appropriate, 'double page spreads' which reflect their learning towards the posed sub-question. This develops our pupils' skills in responding, making links, and presenting for an audience; all of which are important skills for employment.





5.2 Preparing for the future

Our curriculum is tailored to deliver the key skills recommended by research produced by The Sutton Trust (2017) to enable pupils in similar contexts as Elms Farm to be successful citizens of the future. These are:

Self-control and self- discipline	Adaptability & Resilience	Taking responsibility	Self-reflection
Our place in the world	Ambition	Care and respect	Appreciation
Livelihood	Communication	Cultural diversity and equality	Technological advancements

5.3 Influential People, Equality & British Values

The teaching of influential people/ cultural icons is planned throughout our curriculum in all subjects. This enables our pupils to learn about iconic people from diverse backgrounds who have contributed to the local community, the wider world and our history.

There is a focus on teaching our pupils about how their actions can impact upon their community and the wider world and how they can make a positive contribution.

Our curriculum encompasses spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and teaches about the British values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. These are enhanced through wider school events such as assemblies and themed celebrations.





6. Inclusion Statement

- We strive to achieve maximum inclusion of all children at Elms Farm Primary School, whilst meeting their individual needs
- All teachers provide differentiated learning opportunities for all the children within the school
 and provide materials appropriate to children's interests and abilities. This ensures that all
 children have a full access to the school curriculum
- A special educational need might be the cause of delayed or slower progress but is not an
 excuse, and we make every effort to narrow the gap in attainment between vulnerable groups
 of learners and their peers
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) is **NOT** considered a Special Education Need
- We focus on individual progress as the main indicator of success
- We strive to make a clear distinction between "underachievement" often caused by a poor early experience of learning or other factors - and special educational needs
- Some pupils in our school may be underachieving but will not necessarily have a special educational need. It is our responsibility to identify this quickly and ensure that appropriate interventions are put in place to help these pupils close gaps in learning
- Pupils who have special educational needs may have lower-attainment (though not necessarily
 to under-achievement). It is our responsibility to ensure that pupils with special educational
 needs have the maximum opportunity to attain and achieve in line with their peers. Accurate
 assessment of need and carefully planned programmes, which address the root causes of any
 learning difficulty, are essential ingredients of success for these pupils. These will be provided,
 initially, through additional support funded from the school budget

7. Assessment

Class teachers use formative assessment strategies to adapt and refine their teaching of the wider curriculum. This includes the retrieval and review of previously taught concrete knowledge to support pupils to progressively build their knowledge in a meaningful way. Gaps in learning/retrieval are identified for further teaching to ensure that learning is secure.

Subject Leaders use monitoring as a form of assessment to assess learning of concrete knowledge across abilities. Pupil Interviews establish the retrieval of knowledge throughout the academic year with a focus on recall of previously taught content. Feedback to teachers enables teaching to focus on any gaps in learning as a result.





8. Monitoring arrangements

Governors monitor coverage of National Curriculum subjects and compliance with other statutory requirements through:

- Curriculum governing body meetings
- Meetings with the lead governor for curriculum and the curriculum lead

The curriculum leader and subject leaders monitor the way their subject is taught throughout the school by:

- Book scrutinies
- Discussions with children
- Discussions with staff
- Learning walks





Appendix A: Whole school topic overview



			Curriculum Unit Over	view		
	Autumn	Autumn	Spring	Spring	Summer	Summer
Nursery	What makes a good friend?	Can you sing your favourite nursery rhyme?	What colours can I see around me?	Which pet will I choose?	What is your favourite food?	Can you tell me a story?
Reception	What makes me great?	When do we celebrate?	Where do I live?	What job do I want to have?	How do things grow?	How do we get there?
Year 1	Do all superheroes wear capes? Where do big cats				What is a British woodland like?	How do the seasons change?
Year 2	Why should I go to Sheldon?		What is it like in Africa?	Why are there castles?	Why do we	visit the seaside?
Year 3	How do I use a map?	Stone Age to Iron Age: How did Britain change?	What did the Ancient Greeks do for us?	Why is Greece popular?	How do natural disasters affect the world?	Who has helped change our world?
Year 4	Home or abroad?	What did the Romans do for us?	Why was Britain invac and Vikir		What is a biome? Why are rainforests important to our lives?	Why should we protect our oceans?
Year 5			What were the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians?	What did Henry VIII's reign mean for Britain?	Why does the USA have different climate zones?	What's beyond the sky?
Year 6	Mexico and the Maya: what has been their impact on Birmingham?	What survives in polar regions?	What was the impact of WWII on the West Midlands?			trial Revolution important /est Midlands?





Appendix B: Example Topic Overview

Topic: Why Should I Go To Sheldon?
Year Group: 2 Term: Autumn 1 and 2

Ambition:

To know about jobs in our local community

Community:

To know the local community has changed over time (The Radleys and Elms Farm Primary School)

Learn about local landmarks and visit them

To know that Sheldon is a diverse community

Equality:

To know that all members of our community should be treated equally

Links to Prior Learning

Y1 – human and physical features of a city

Y1 – sorting items into now and in the past

Y1 – taking pictures of Birmingham

Y1 – making pictures with moving parts

Writing Opportunities Through Topic Lessons

Write a leaflet about the local area landmarks. Why should you visit Sheldon? Write a report about landmarks and historically significant people in the city of Birmingham

Write a letter to invite a guest to speak about the local area

List of landmarks in the local area (map key) Write a report: Sheldon past and present Lowry: How did he become an artist? (information writing)

RE: Recount story of Adam and Eve – The First Sad day

RE: Retell – recount of visit to the church for the Christmas Story RE Ed. Visit follow up: Pic collage and pupil voice





Key Texts

Six Dinner Sid Inga Moore Dogger Shirley Hughes My Name is Bob James Bowen Meerkat Mail Emily Gravett

Lost and Found Oliver Jefferies

Voices in the Park
Anthony Brown

The Children's History of Birmingham Mandy Ross

Heard it in the Playground (poetry)

The Day the Crayons Quit Drew Daywait George's Marvellous Medicine Roald Dahl George's Marvellous Experiments Down Behind the Dustbin Michael Rosen

Vocabulary

History before, after, past, present, then, now, compare Geography
human, physical,
feature, airport,
factory, farm, area,
local, sketch map,
symbol, key,
landmark, plan view,
vegetation, city, area

Art
modern, matchstick,
tone, line: sharp,
thick, thin, blurred,
smudge, landscape,
shadow, grades,
dark, light, shape,
detail, viewfinder

DT framework, structure, weak, strong, thinner, thicker, join, sturdy, stable, design, evaluate

Projects

DT project:
Make a prototype of
a playground to go in
the local park

Art project:
Drawing a
urbanscape in the
style of Lowry

A1 Computing project:
Taking photographs
of the local
area/school grounds
local human and
physical features
(Showcase your
digital imagery)

A2 Computing project:
Routes on maps
(Create and debug a simple programme 1 Beebots and Jit 2 turtle)





Concrete Knowledge

History
Know the main
differences between
their school days and
that of their
grandparents

History
Know how the local
area is different to
the way it used to be
in the past

History
Know about a
significant historical
event, person and
place in their own
locality

Geography Know: airport, factory, farm and house (fieldwork)

Geography
Know that Sheldon is
in Birmingham and
that Birmingham is a
city in England

Art
Know that Lowry
drew urbanscapes
with simple colours
and matchstick
people

Art
Know that different
grades of pencil
create different
tones of darkness

DT
Know how to
combine components
(small pieces of
masking tape, rubber

bands or string)

DT Know which shape will make my product sturdier DT – Food Know what a healthy diet is Geography Ed. Visit follow up:
Make a map of the local area and identify local landmarks

Skill Progression

History
I can find out
something about the
past by asking
questions and talking
to an older person

History
I can answer
questions by using a
specific source, such
as an information
book

Geography
I can identify local
landmarks by looking
at aerial photographs
and plan perspectives

Geography
I can locate
landmarks on local
area maps (airport,
factory, farm, office,
house, town, forest,
vegetation and soil)

Geography
I can make a simple
map of the local area
and use basic
symbols to construct
a key (after fieldwork
of the local area)

Art
I can use different
grades of pencil to
create different tones
of line

Art
I can use charcoal and
pencil with control to
create thick and thin
lines

Art
I can use smudging
with charcoal





Art I can use a piece of artwork as a starting point (Lowry)

Art I can use a viewfinder to focus on the section that I want to draw

I can design a product that fits the design criteria

I can explore and evaluate a range of existing products

DT I can choose materials and explain why they are being used depending on their characteristics

DT
I can join materials
and components
together in different
ways

DT
I can plan my design
by using labelled
diagrams and model
mock-ups

DT I can say how to make products stronger

DT I can evaluate what I did well and what I would differently and explain why

DT
I can join materials
together as part of a
moving product

Computing
I can take a series of
photos and
manipulate them (to
create a display in
class)

Computing I can write a simple algorithm

Computing
I can use the forward
/backward / right /
left commands

Computing I can write a simple algorithm Computing
I can debug a very
simple program

Science, Music, R.E., PSHE and P.E. units

Science
A1 Uses of everyday
materials

Science
A2 Animals, Including
humans

Music
A1 Musical Me

Music
A2 Orchestral
Instruments

R.E.
A1 Living by rules
Being temperate,
exercising selfdiscipline and
cultivating serene
contentment

R.E.
A2 Being regardful of suffering
Sharing and being generous

PSHE A1 Me and my relationships PSHE A2 Valuing difference

P.E.
A1 Fundamental
Skills (Agility, Balance
and co-ordination)

P.E.
A2 Gymnastics
(Balance/Agility)





Maths in Context

Measuring with a
ruler in DT to make a
playground
(longer/shorter -
comparison
vocabulary)

Directional language during fieldwork

Shape vocabulary when making a playground (edges, vertex, shape names)

Cultural Capital

Self-control and selfdiscipline Adaptability & Resilience

Taking responsibility

Self-reflection

Our place in the world

Ambition

Care and respect

Appreciation

Livelihood

Communication

Cultural diversity and equality

Technological advancements

Cultural and Artistic Icons

Lowry

Pieter Bruegel the Elder **Duran Duran**

UB40

Electric Light Orchestra Simon Cowell

Orlando Bloom

Jamelia

Health Education, Money Management, Environmental Education

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Looking after our community discussion

Jobs in our local community discussion





Rights Respecting

Article 15: Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations

Wider links
31. Leisure, play and
culture

Wider links 29. Goals of education Wider links
30. Right to practice
your own culture

Enrichment experiences and Community Involvement

Invite a visitor in so that the children can ask questions about the history of Elms Farm and The Radleys

Walk around the local area to draw local landmarks and learn about its human and physical features Christmas play performance

Trip to St. Thomas' Church to learn about the nativity





Supporting Texts

Illustrated Children's Atlas of Britain and Ireland, Straun Reid Children's History of Birmingham, Mandy Ross National Geographic: Town and Country In the City, Sally Hobson How to Build A City, Isabel Otter Local Leaflets and brochures Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown

> Bug Club: City Kids Detective Agency, Jem Packer City Shapes and other Poems,





Appendix C: Example long-term plan



			Overview			
		Subject: 0	ieography			
	Autumn	Autumn	Spring Spring	Summer Summer		
Y6	Mexico and the Maya:	What survives in polar	What was the impact of WW2	Why was the Industrial Revolution		
	what has been their impact	regions?	on Birmingham?	important to the Midlands?		
	on Birmingham?					
N/C objectives	Understand geographical	Locate the world's countries,	Name and locate counties and cities of	Describe and understand keys aspects of		
	similarities and differences	using maps to focus on	the UK, and understand how some of	human geography: trade links and		
	through the study of human and physical geography of a region of	Europe and North America (Locate countries in the	these aspects have changed over time (East coast of England, use the atlas	distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water		
	the UK and a region within North	Arctic Circle)	index to locate)	(railways/canals build in the industrial		
	America (Chichen Itza and the Isle	Areae on cic,	mack to locate,	revolution for distribution and who Britain		
	of Skye – climate, tourism, land-	Identify the position and	Locate the world's countries, using	has trade links with)		
	use, physical and human features)	significance the	maps to focus on Europe (including the			
		Prime/Greenwich Meridian	location of Russia). Relate to the			
	Physical geography, including:	and time zones (including	countries involved in battle			
	climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts (Characteristics of	day and night)				
	the desert biome - link to	Physical geography,	Use 6-figure grid references (Focus on the West Midlands –			
	vegetation and climate)	including: climate zones,	research and locate bomb sites and			
	regetation and connect,	biomes and vegetation belts	plot 6-figure grid references)			
	Locate the world's most significant	(characteristics of a tundra				
	features (deserts) Identify the	biome)				
	position and significance of latitude					
	and longitude					
	Locate the world's countries, using					
	maps to focus on North America					
	(Locate Mexico, USA, Canada and					
	Greenland)					
	Use maps, atlases, globes and					
ı	digital/computer mapping to locate					

	countries and describe features			
	studied			
Concrete	Know key similarities and	Know how climate change is	Know the names of and locate at least	Know how Birmingham has changed over
Knowledge	differences between the Isle of Skye and Chichen Itza including	affecting the polar regions	8 UK counties and 8 major UK cities	time (settlement and land-use)
	climate (rainfall and temperature), economy including tourism, land use and human/physical features	Know the key features of a tundra biome and the related vegetation belts and climate zones	Know the names of at least 8 European countries and their capital cities	Know that towns and cities were linked by canals and the railways and that this is how goods were transported
	Know the key features of a desert biome	Know the names of at least 4 countries that are north of the Arctic Circle		
	Know the names of at least 4 North American countries and 4 North American major cities			
Skill Progression	I can use physical/landscape maps	I can find the Prime	I can use an index and atlas to find the	I can use historical digital maps to research
Jan Progression	to compare the physical features of Chichen Itza and The Isle of	Meridian on a map.	location of the places that I am studying	how settlements and land-use in the West Midlands has changed over time
	Skye	I can use a time zone map to calculate the times in	I can locate places in West Midlands	I can use research to find out key
	I can write the coordinates of a place using the lines of longitude	different places	that were bombed in the Blitz and refer to them by plotting and using 6-	geographical information about a place that I am studying:
	and latitude (Chichen Itza and other Mexican cities)	I can draw and use a graph to show the average hours of sunlight in a place to the	figure grid references I can use OS maps to find a new	 Transportation/trade of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water
	I can locate and label the places that I am studying on a map (world deserts including	north of the Arctic Circle and use it to compare different months/seasons	evacuee location and describe human and physical features in that area and I can describe why this would be a good	Trade links with the UK
	Chihuahuan Desert and a map of Mexico including Chichen Itza and	I can use research to find	location to escape during the war	
	other major cities in Mexico	out key information about a place that I am studying:		
	I can use research to find out key geographical information about a	features of a tundra biome		
	place that I am studying:			





	climate (rainfall and	I	I	
	temperature)			
	economy including tourism			
	• land use			
	human/physical features			
	natural materials produced in			
	Mexico (iron, lead, zinc, gold, silver, copper and other minerals)			
	I can draw graphs (rainfall and			
	temperature) and use them to			
	compare the climate of two places			
	(line graphs)			
Vocabulary	landscape, rainfall, temperature,	tundra, climate zone,	6-figure grid reference, coordinate,	transportation, natural resources, minerals,
	sunlight, cities, airports, rivers,	vegetation belt, biome,	plot, index, location, counties, region	trade links, land-use
	mountain range, desert,	sunlight, Prime meridian,		Land-use types: industrial, retail,
	vegetation, climate, trade, export,	time zone, average, Arctic		residential, leisure, agricultural,
	economic activity, distribution of	Circle, polar region,		transportation, urban, rural, urbanisation,
	natural resources, iron, lead, zinc,	characteristics		distribution, canals
	gold, silver, copper, minerals,			
	Prime Meridian, time zone, East, West, longitude, latitude			
	6 figure grid reference, county,			
	river, railway, port, city, town,			
	village, hamlet			





Appendix D: Example weekly topic journey plan



Weekly Topic Journey					
Year	4	Term	Autumn 2	Topic	What did the Romans do for us?

Vocabulary

History
century, decade, gladiator,
centurion, emperor, battle,
occupation, advance, society, Celts,
tribe Roman, invade, settle,
conquest, legion, troops, defeat,
formation, shields

Art influence, transfer (design), adhesive, ceramic, grout, categories (colour), grout, flout, cracks/ crevices, excess Computing film, digital literacy, shot, clip, edit, effects

Activity:			
- Make a map of the Roman Empire			
-Romulus and Remus and how Rome got its name			
 Roman life in Rome (gladiators, games, writing/ numerals, artwork – clay 			
pottery and mosaics, famous landmarks) - Begin a timeline including events from BC and AD			
			-Write a report about what Roman life was like comparing the life of a poor
and a rich person (in Rome)			
Activity:			
 Learn about soldier's uniform, weapons and battle formation 			
 Research – Who was Julius Caesar? 			
 Children to write questions about what they would like to learn about 			
Roman Soldiers			
 Write a report about the life of a Roman Soldier 			
 Link back to Celtic warriors (Iron age from year 3) compare to soldiers in 			
Roman army			