

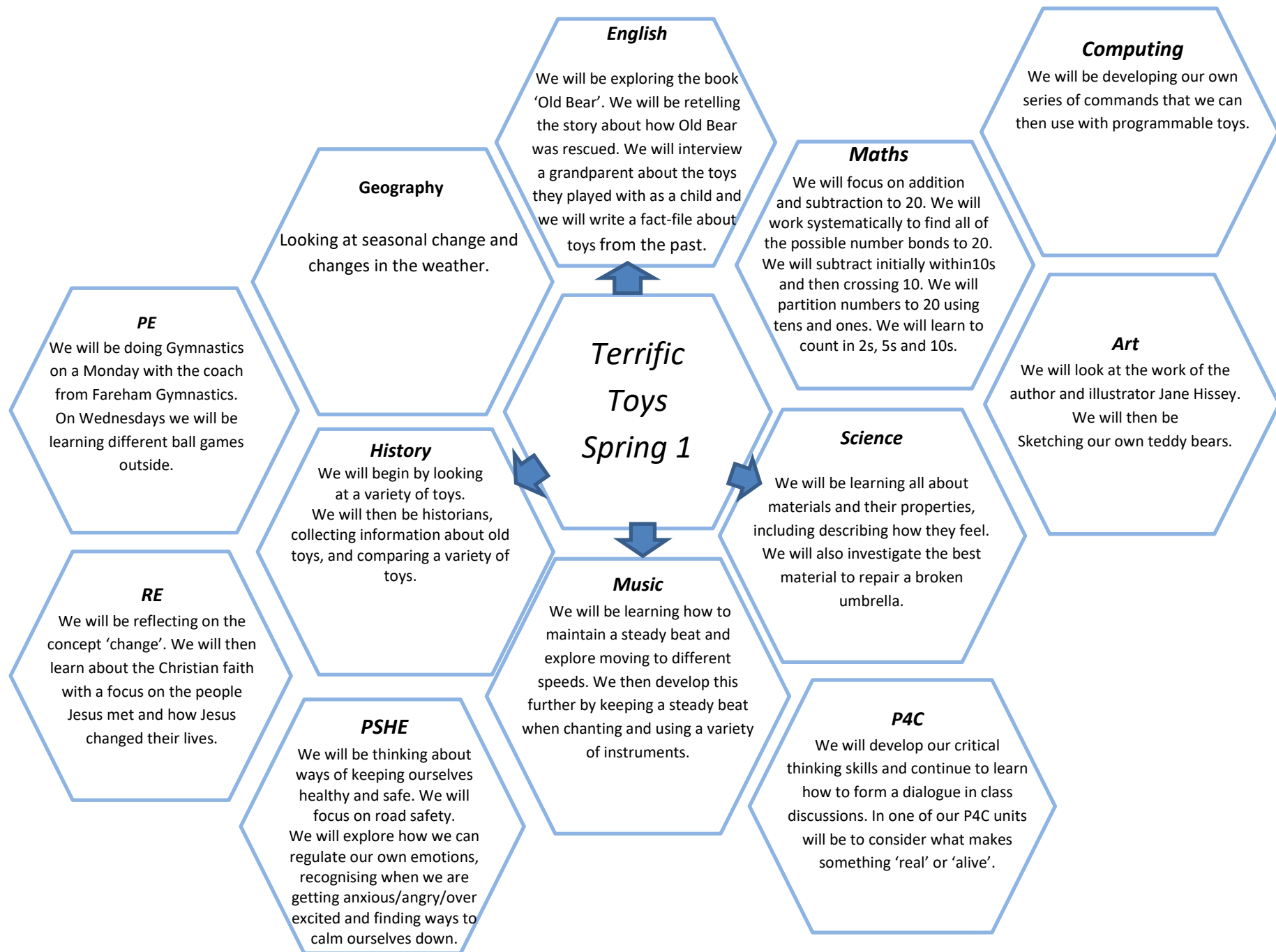
Castle Primary School

Curriculum Letter

Year 1



Spring Term 2026





How you can help your child at home...



Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

How to be a reader and writer...

Please keep up daily home practice of reading and recording this within your child's reading diary. Use the weekly homework sheets to help your child to secure what we have been learning in Phonics. Practise the spellings and tricky words on the weekly spelling sheet.

Encourage them to read familiar books that you have at home or that you get from the library. Please read regularly to your child so that they have exposure to texts beyond their reading age. You could start reading chapter books with them so that they hear more complex stories and language.



Encourage your child to read and write in a variety of contexts such as letters, shopping lists, stories etc. Discuss the differences between fiction and non-fiction.

Encourage your child to form letters correctly and apply their phonic knowledge when they are writing.

How to be a mathematician...

Encourage your child to discover different shapes around the home.

They can also make patterns with different materials such as Lego bricks.

Encourage them to count to 20 and beyond. It is important for them to count forwards and backwards.

Play games that involve adding and taking away numbers to 20.

Please especially focus on their number bonds to 10 (all of the different ways to make numbers to 10).

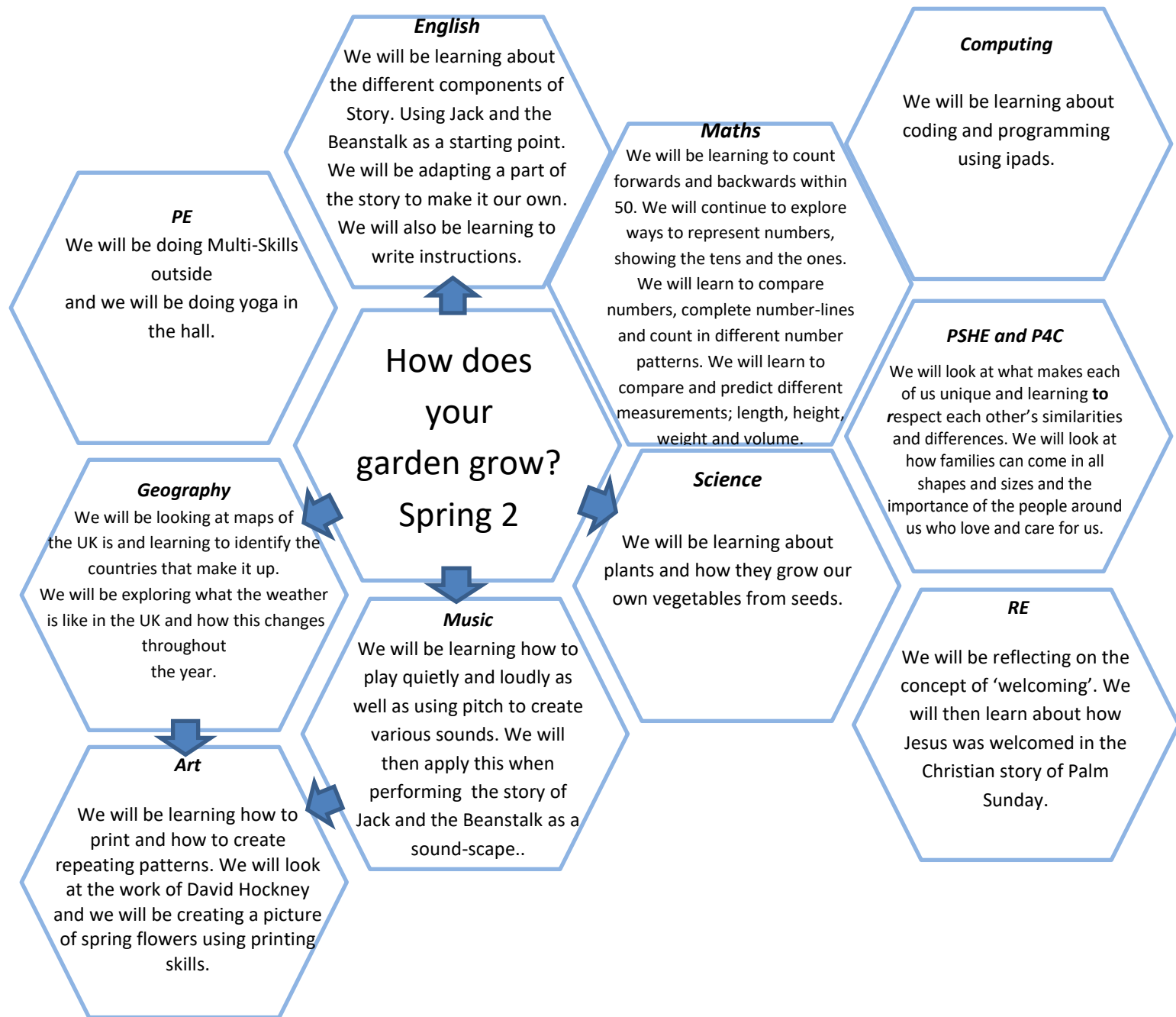
How to be an historian/scientist...

Talk about the toys that you used to play with as a child and compare these with the toys of today.

Consider what different toys are made from. Why are they made from these materials?

Use language to describe different toys eg. soft, squishy, hard, rough, smooth, cold, shiny...







How you can help your child at home...

Below are some suggested activities you may like to try at home with your child.

How to be a reader and writer...

Continue to read regularly at home. Reinforce your child's learning in Phonics using the weekly homework and spelling sheets.

Be a reading detective...can you infer (work out) what is happening using clues from the story and characters?...

Visit the library and compare fiction and non-fiction books.

How to be a mathematician...

Continue to practise number bonds to 10 and 20 and related addition and subtraction facts.

Count forwards and backwards to 100.

Compare the lengths of objects around the home using key vocabulary such as longer, longest, shorter and shortest.



How to be a scientist...



Give your child the responsibility of looking after a plant at home.

Look at the plants in your garden or on the way to school and describe what they look like.

Name common flowers and the parts of a plant such as leaf, stem, and petal.

Use the internet and books from the local library to find out more!



Key Dates for this term

