

Donhead Curriculum Plan 2025-2026

Elements

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	Michaelmas	Lent	Trinity
English	Classic Fiction; Stories with Historical Settings; Recount Writing (Diaries); Free Verse Poetry, 11+ writing and comprehension preparation	Paradise Sands by Levi Pinfold Genres: Descriptive story openings, informal notes of advice, formal letters in role, descriptive retellings, conversations, book reviews, narrative prequel. Suffragette: The Battle for Equality Persuasive Campaigns, formal letters, diaries, balanced arguments, short news reports. Reading Texts: Fiction: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell Non Fiction: A World Full of Journeys and Migrations by Martin Howard	Can we save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins Discussion text Letter, explanation, persuasive poster, persuasive speech, simple poem Picture Book project- parting gift to buddies Reading Texts: Poetry: Poetry for Kids – William Shakespeare
Maths	Place value; Multiplication and division Addition & Subtraction; Long Division, Common factors; Highest common factors Common multiples; Prime numbers; Prime factors	Ratio and Decimals, Area, Perimeter, Volume, Surface Area, Data Handling, Statistics, Measurement Theme Park – skills application	Imperial and metric measures, Junior Maths Challenge, Position, Direction, Translation, Reflection, Properties of 3D Shapes and Angles Fibonacci Sequence – skills application
RE	<u>Branch 1 : Creation and Covenant</u> 1. Literary Forms 2. Creation 3. Creation and Science 4. Lemaitre 5. Understanding Genesis 6. Human Dignity 7. The Fall 8. The Effects of Sin 9. Baptism 10. Jesus' New Covenant 11. Nicene Creed	<u>Branch 3: Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem</u> 1. Jesus' miracles 2. Mary prays and asks Jesus for help at Cana. 3. The bread of life 4. God inspired the authors of Sacred Scripture 5. The deeper spiritual meaning of the Scripture 6. The Church has seven sacraments 7. The purpose of sacraments 8. The sacraments engage all the senses 9. How sacraments are celebrated in the local parish 10. St John's gospel in art 11. how stories from scripture speak to people in different ways.	<u>Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth.</u> 1. Literary forms and authorial intention. 2. The Resurrection of Christ and the revelation of the Father, Son, and Spirit. 3. The empty tomb and the appearance to Mary Magdala 4. Appearances to the disciples 5. Jesus as the last Adam 6. The story of Stephen 7. Confirmation 8. Christian charities against injustice and persecution 9. Martyrdom 10. Act of Faith, Hope and Love prayers

	<u>Branch 2 : Prophecy and Promise</u> 1. Women in Old Testament 1 2. _Women in Old Testament 1 3. _Women in Old Testament 2 4. Women in Old Testament 2 5. Women in Salvation History 6. _Mary 7. _Mother of God 8. _Magnificat 9. Religious Orders Today 10. St Clare Crockett 11. Fiat 12. Revision	<u>Branch 4: Dessert to Garden</u> 1. Lent 2. Holy Week in the gospel of John. 3. Jesus is the Messiah 4. Mass on Holy Thursday 5. Did 'Jesus have a fair trial' ? 6. The Crucifixion and the Stations of the Cross 7. The death of Jesus 8. Mary is the mother of all Christians 9. Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. 10. Artistic representations of the Holy Week 11. Reflect on what Jesus teaches about true discipleship. 12. Considering how love of neighbour could transform our life	<u>Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter</u> 1. The common good' and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. 2. Worldviews 3. People working together towards common goals 4. Dharmic Faiths 5. Hinduism 6. Sikhism 7. Buddhism
Care for Our Common Home	Mountains and Development (Physical unit and Human unit)	World War 2	Global Environmental Issues Active Citizenship
Science	Animals including humans; Light	Evolution and inheritance; Living things and their habitats (keys classification)	Electricity
PSHEE RHE	Me, my body and my health; Emotional wellbeing and attitudes	Personal relationships; Keeping safe and people who can help me.	Education in Virtue; Living in the wider world
French	Negative form; Pen pals project Transport; Verb aller and Contractions of definite articles with à (articles définis contractés); How I go to school School timetable and opinions with adjectives Adjectives; (feminine and plural) Christmas in France	Dates revision Pen pals project Verbe vouloir (I want) Prices and numbers; Revise avoir and être; Describing hair and eyes Easter in France	Personal Descriptions; Pen pals project Clothes Family; pets; Forming questions; Places in town Giving directions

Art/DT	Drawing skills – proportion and perspective Painting skills – watercolours and pen and ink Christmas cards Elements of Design DT – exhibition piece	Painting skills – painting on different mediums Colour theory and mixing Drawing skills - grid art, shading using appropriate pencils DT – exhibition piece	DT – exhibition piece	
Music	Learn Jazz instrumental parts ‘by ear’. Learn to play more challenging jazz melodies. Improvise. Listen to and appraise supporting melodies. Sing traditional song – Dona nobis pacem in a round, in parts. Compose own version of song using same words based on notes of certain chords. Learn carols for the Carol Service	Theme and Variations Project Learning of Inter-House Music Competition Songs	Learn to sing and play chords on the Ukulele (stage2) Continue to learn more chord progressions and techniques- how to pick and strum properly. Prepare songs for Elements production Listen to ‘Hey Mr Miller’ and learn about syncopated melodies and rhythms	
PE	Basketball ; Unihoc		Gymnastics ; Handball	
Computing	Online Safety; Coding; Spreadsheets Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge		Online Safety; Networks; Binary; Blogging Online Safety; Text Adventures; Quizzing; Use of MakeyMakey for creation of a game; EE PhoneSmart licence	