

Quayside School

Pre-Key Stage 2 Curriculum 2026 – 2030

Learning, developing, engaging, participating, creating, exploring, interacting and having the best life possible!

At Quayside School, our Pre-Key Stage two students have the opportunity to study more focused Literacy and Mathematics alongside the Engagement Curriculum or Key Stage 1 Curriculum.

Students will study key National Curriculum subjects which include:

English including the Read Write Inc Programme for Phonics.

Communication; communication devices are assessed and used to support non-verbal students (e.g. 'Speak for Yourself' Application AAC on iPad)

Mathematics

The specialist teaching team in the Pre-Key Stage 2 provision work closely with the students care teams and families to promote transferring learning from the education environment to real-life situations. All students receive speech and language and occupational therapy support at a level that is appropriate to their learning needs. In this curriculum writing refers to the ability to complete a sentence this will include using AAC, Colourful Semantics, typing and not just the physical ability to use a writing implement to make marks.

Key Stage 2 Pre key stage standard 5				
SUBJECT AREA		TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
ENGLISH	READING	<p>Fiction</p> <p>In this term, students will focus on reading accurately and with fluency using familiar books and continuing to strengthen reading skills taught in previous terms, such as retrieval and vocabulary skills.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p> <p>This term, students will focus on reading words with 2 or more syllables with the same GPCs. They will also start to read aloud confidently, and present information learned in their non-fiction books.</p>	<p>Poetry</p> <p>In this term, students will practice reading common exception words. They will also practice segmenting and blending unfamiliar words they find in poetry books.</p>
	WRITING	<p>Forming a sentence</p> <p>In this term, students will begin to write sentences that are sequenced to form a short narrative. They will also Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent them with graphemes to spell words. Students will begin to form lowercase letters starting and finishing in the correct place.</p>	<p>Writing a fact file</p> <p>In this term, students will learn about capital letters and full stops and begin to use them in their writing. Students will also make phonically plausible attempts at spelling words and practice writing letters of a similar size.</p>	<p>Writing a poem</p> <p>In this term, students will write a short poem using punctuation learned in previous terms. They will begin to spell some common exception words and begin to use finger spaces between their words.</p>
	Phonics	<p>The Read Write Inc approach teaches phonics in a systematic, synthetic manner, and students who use the programme are assessed on a regular basis to ensure they are working at a challenging level in a group that matches their ability. The programme is taught alongside the wider literacy curriculum and assists students in increasing their decoding, comprehension, and fluency skills. Please see the Bright Futures Phonics Curriculum for more information on the program's content and progression.</p>		

Key Stage 2 Pre-key stage standard 6				
SUBJECT AREA		TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
ENGLISH	READING	<p>Fiction</p> <p>This term students will begin to read accurately most words of 2 or more syllables found in familiar stories. They will also learn to check their work when reading it back to ensure it makes sense and correct it independently.</p>	<p>Non-fiction</p> <p>This term students will begin to read most words containing common suffixes and answer questions about what they have read and make some inferences relating to the topic.</p>	<p>Action stories</p> <p>In this term, students will read most common exception words found in the class stories. They will be able to provide a recap of the story and explain what has happened so far in the story.</p>
	WRITING	<p>Writing a story</p> <p>This term students will begin to write simple narratives about real or fictional events. They will also begin to form capital letters and digits of a similar size.</p>	<p>Writing an account</p> <p>This term students will begin to write about real events simply and clearly, using the past and present tense. The spacing between letters will become more consistent.</p>	<p>Write an interview</p> <p>This term student will begin using question marks in their writing and using 'and/but' to connect clauses in sentences. They will also begin to explore using 'when', 'if', 'that' and 'because' in their writing.</p>
	PHONICS	<p>Students will continue to have access to the RWI programme as needed and will get additional focused intervention to ensure their progress. Students will participate in phonic lessons in small or 1:1 groups at an appropriate degree of challenge. For further information, please see the Bright Futures Phonics Curriculum.</p>		

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MATHS	Number	A Addition and subtraction This term students will begin to read and write numbers to 100 and partition 2 digit numbers in tens and ones using concrete objects. They will also explore adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers verbally, in pictures or using concrete objects.	Money and Shape This term students will learn about the value of different coins. They will also explore 2D /3D shapes and describe some of their properties.	Multiplication and number bonds This term students will learn about number bonds to 10 and other number facts related to number bonds They will also learn to Count in 2, 5 and 10s.
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	Number	A Addition and subtraction This term students will be exploring adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers and showing their method. Students will also learn about partitioning numbers in to ones and twos and explaining their reasoning. Students will learn number bonds to 20 and associated facts.	Multiplication and fractions Students will solve simple word problems involving the 2, 5, and 10 times table this term. They will also learn to identify $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a number or shape and know that all must be equal parts of a whole	Measure This term students will be learning to read scales in division of ones, 2s, 5s and 10s They will also learn to use different coins to make the same amount in different ways. Students will learn to read time to the nearest 15 minutes