

Modern World Curriculum Map 2026-27

Modern World – Our Why?

At Discovery Academy, Modern World combines elements of Religious Education, Citizenship, Social Studies, PSHE and Humanities. Students explore the world around them in the context of the nine protected characteristics to develop a deeper understanding of people, communities and ways of life. Students develop the ability to recognise similarities and differences in the religions and cultures around them and understand their own place in the world. Modern World promotes curiosity, tolerance and respect both in our school community and the wider world. Modern World contributes to the assessment of communication as part of English as students are encouraged to develop their oracy skills as part of the subject.

Big Ideas promoted in our Modern World Curriculum



Humankind



Place and Space



Exploration



Rights

Substantive Concepts of our Modern World Curriculum

	Belonging	<i>I talk about who I am and the groups I belong to. I share my own experiences and listen to the experiences of others. I know how to contribute to my community.</i>
	Beliefs and Celebrations	<i>I discover different beliefs, cultures and celebrations from within and outside of my community. I explore how and why people celebrate.</i>
	Difference and Respect	<i>I show respect to others, including those from different back grounds and communities. I listen to understand the experiences of others. I demonstrate kindness and care.</i>
	World Wide Explorers	<i>I learn about cultures, communities and ways of life from around the world. I listen to the stories of others from around the world.</i>

Protected Characteristics								
Age	Sex	Gender reassignment	Marriage and Civil Partnership	Pregnancy and Maternity	Sexual Orientation	Race	Religion	Disability



2.2 Power & Conflict
Communities, Beliefs and Values



2.1 Social Divides, Rich & Poor
Rules, Rights and Fairness



3.1 Resourcefulness & Resilience
Disability rights and support



1.2 A Christmas Carol
Beliefs, Values and Traditions



3.2 Identity
Identity and Relationships



1.1 Macbeth
Identity and Representation



*Eclipse
& Orbit*

2.2 Blood Heart
Places and Belonging



3.1 Road Trip USA
Support in Everyday Life



3.2 I Am Warrior
My Family and Relationships



2.1 Tremors
Fairness in Everyday Life



1.2 Spirit
Beliefs in Everyday Life



1.1 Gods & Mortals
People and Backgrounds



Nebular

2.2 Heroes & Villains
Places of Worship



3.1 Scream Machine
Making Things Easier



3.2 Allotment
Families and Relationships



2.1 Peasants, Princes & Pestilence
When Things Aren't Fair



1.2 1066
Traditions and Beliefs



1.1 Stargazers
Where We Come From



*Stars &
Twilight*

2.2 Urban Pioneers
Places That Matter



3.1 Moon Zoom
Different Needs



3.2 Interconnected World
Different Families



2.1 Predator
Including Everyone



1.2 Tribal Tales
How People Celebrate



1.1 Ancient Egyptians
Our Community



*Nova &
Lunar*

2.2 Playlist
Places We Go



3.1 Beat, Bangs & Boogie
People Who Help Us



3.2 Blue Abyss
People in My Life



2.1 Our Changing World
Fair and Unfair



1.2 Traders & Raiders
Special Days and Traditions



1.1 Bright Lights Big City
People Around Me



*Comets &
Astro*

2.2 Rio De Vida
Special Places



3.1 Enchanted Woodland
Helping Each Other



3.2 Our Wonderful World
Who Looks After Me



2.1 Paws, Claws & Whiskers
Being Fair and Kind



1.2 Team
Celebrations at Home and School



1.1 Memory Box
My World



Rockets