The #DiscoveryCrew Scents Curriculum 2026-27

At Discovery Academy, we continue to design immersive, multi-sensory learning environments that strengthen memory, deepen emotional connection and support our students' regulation and engagement. Smell remains a powerful anchor for learning — the *Proust effect* demonstrates how scent can instantly evoke memories, emotions and context. Our scents curriculum intentionally revisits key aromas across topics, enabling students to build schema, make links and strengthen long-term recall.

Where topics are new, scents have been selected to match the sensory world of the theme, the emotional tone, and the real-world outcome.

Rockets

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Memory Box	**Granny's Kitchen**	Warm, nostalgic scent linking to memory, home, and the sensory world of childhood. Revisited from Comets.
Autumn 2	Team	**Cut Grass**	Fresh, outdoors, sports-field associations. Revisited in Spirit & Allotment.
Spring 1	Paws, Claws and Whiskers	**Zebra**	Animal-linked scent already used across KS2 for continuity.
Spring 2	Rio de Vida	**Hawaiian**	Tropical, carnival-aligned scent. Revisited in Road Trip USA.
Summer 1	Enchanted Woodland	**Forest**	Natural woodland scent used across Tribal Tales, Tremors and other nature-based topics.
Summer 2	Our Wonderful World	**Sweet Pea**	Light floral scent linked to global nature themes.

Comets & Astro

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Bright Lights, Big City	**Spaceship**	Futuristic, city energy scent. Links to Stargazers.
Autumn 2	Traders and Raiders	**Coal Face**	Links to mining, industry and museum visit. Previously used in State of Matter.
Spring 1	Our Changing World	**Mountain Heather**	Natural, environmental scent linking to change, landscapes and geography.
Spring 2	Playlist	**Fragrance / Aftershave**	Links to identity, emotion and personal expression. Used in Heroes & Villains.
Summer 1	Beat, Band and Boogie	**Candy Floss**	Funfair/music-event associations. Revisited in Scream Machine.
Summer 2	Blue Abyss	**Sea Shore**	Ocean-linked scent used across Coastlines and beach topics.

Nova & Lunar

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Ancient Egypt	**Eucalyptus**	Clean, museum-like scent used previously in Gods & Mortals.
Autumn 2	Tribal Tales	**Forest**	Earthy, prehistoric, outdoor survival links.
Spring 1	Predator	**Zebra**	Animal-linked scent used across Paws, Claws and Whiskers & Darwin's Delights.
Spring 2	Urban Pioneers	**New Car**	Modern, urban, city-movement scent.
Summer 1	Moon Zoom	**Spaceship**	Strong space association; revisits Stargazers.
Summer 2	Our Interconnecting World	**Leather Cream**	Links to travel, maps, global movement; revisited in 1066.

Stars & Twilight

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Stargazers	**Spaceship**	Core space scent.
Autumn 2	1066	**Leather Cream**	Medieval armour, saddles, battle preparation.
Spring 1	Peasants, Princes and Pestilence	**Haunted Manor**	Atmospheric, historic, plague-era ambience.
Spring 2	Heroes and Villains	**Fragrance / Aftershave**	Identity, persona, dramatic characterisation.
Summer 1	Scream Machine	**Candy Floss**	Theme-park alignment.
Summer 2	Allotment	**Cut Grass**	Natural, outdoors, growth and cultivation.

Nebular

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Travel – Gods and Mortals	**Eucalyptus**	Museum-like, ancient-civilisation scent.
Autumn 2	Travel – Spirit	**Cut Grass**	Sports, teamwork, outdoor activity.
Spring 1	Tremors	**Forest**	Earth, soil, natural disaster landscapes.
Spring 2	Blood Heart	**Clinic / Hospital**	Strong anatomical and scientific association.
Summer 1	Road Trip USA	**Hawaiian**	Links to travel, culture and celebration.
Summer 2	I Am Warrior!	**The Fall of Rome**	Historical, battle-era scent.

Eclipse & Orbit

Term	Topic	Scent	Rationale / Links
Autumn 1	Macbeth	**Haunted Manor**	Dark, atmospheric, supernatural tone.
Autumn 2	A Christmas Carol	**Granny's Kitchen**	Warm, nostalgic, festive.
Spring 1	Social Divides Rich and Poor	**Leather Cream**	Victorian era, industry, class divide.
Spring 2	Power and Conflict	**Coal Face**	War, industry, grit, tension.
Summer 1	Resourcefulness and Resilience	**Mountain Heather**	Outdoors, challenge, growth.
Summer 2	Identity	**Fragrance / Aftershave**	Personal identity, expression, transition.

Galaxy & Cosmos

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Autumn 1	Voices of the Real World	**New Car**	Modern, real-world journalism and contemporary life.
Autumn 2	Stories That Shape Us	**Sweet Pea**	Gentle, emotional, reflective scent.
Spring 1	Society Speaks	**Lemon & Ginger**	Sharp, energising scent linked to debate and voice.
Spring 2	Investigating Perspectives	**Clinic / Hospital**	Clean, analytical, investigative tone.
Summer 1	Resilience in Action	**Mountain Heather**	Growth, challenge, endurance.
Summer 2	Becoming the Author of Your Future	**Fragrance / Aftershave**	Identity, aspiration, future-focused.