

Curriculum Overview Year 5 2025-2026

Term	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Topic	Amazing African Adventures		Heroes and Villains		Journeys (Big and Small)	
English	-Recap of non-negotiables in writing and grammar -Traditional stories from other cultures -Instruction writing	-Writing unit linked to Journey to Jo'burg including informal letter, character comparisons and setting descriptions -Persuasive writing unit – creating a holiday brochure	-Adventure Story Chapter writing, comparing Film and Narrative -Performance Poetry - The Highway Man (descriptions, character studies and stories from different character perspectives)	-Performance Poetry - The Highway Man continued -Narrative unit based on Arthur and the Golden Rope – linked to Vikings	-Poetry Writing poems using different structures -Writing unit linked to The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky	-Writing unit linked to Kensuke's Kingdom including formal/informal letters and recounts (newspaper)
Texts	Spiders Web – African Myths and Legends by Kathleen Arnott How the Whale Became and Other Stories by Ted Hughes	Journey to Jo'burg by Beverley Naidoo	Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz The Highway Man by Alfred Noyes	Arthur and the Golden Rope By Joe Todd Stanton	The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky by Jihyun Kim	Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Class Reader	How to Write Really Badly by Anne Fine Bernard's Watch by Andrew Norris	Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji	Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz	Viking Boy by Tony Bradman	Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell	Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Maths	White Rose Maths -Place Value -Addition and Subtraction -Perimeter		White Rose Maths -Multiplication and Division -Area -Fractions (B)		White Rose Maths -Shape -Position and Direction -Decimals	

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	-Multiplication and Division (A) -Fractions (A)		-Decimals and Percentages -Statistics		-Negative Numbers -Converting Units -Volume	
Science	Living Things and Their Habitats - life cycles of flowering plants, pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal.	Living Things and Their Habitats - life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect, and a bird. Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.	Animals Including Humans - circulatory system, digestive system, respiratory system, health.		Sound - how sound is made, how sound travels, changes in volume and pitch.	Earth and Space - the Moon in relation to the Earth, the Sun in relation to the Earth, Day and Night.
Geography	Geography of Africa -Physical geography including climate zones, biomes, and vegetation belts -Significance of latitude and longitude and Greenwich Meridian2				UK Topic -countries, counties and cities of the UK -key topographical features e.g. rivers and mountains. - use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate and describe features studied. - use the eight points of a compass.	
History		Benin (West Africa) Ad 900-1300, -a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history.	Anglo Saxons and Vikings -Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots. -the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor.			
Art	Pattern - including camouflage.	African Masks - African masks using mod roc.		Still Life Drawing		

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	Multi-media including chalk pastels and ink.	Finished using a variety of painting skills.				
Design Technology		African Masks - African masks using mod roc. Finished using a variety of painting skills.	Bread -investigate, design, make and evaluate bread rolls. -cheese scones		Musical Instruments -investigate, design, make and evaluate percussion instruments.	CAMS -explore and use mechanisms
Computing	Systems and Searching	Vector Graphics	Selection in Physical computing	Flat-file Databases	Video Production	Selection in Quizzes
PE	Swimming Invasion Games -Hockey dribbling/passing/tactics (with a hockey stick)	Invasion Games -Tag Rugby passing/control with consistence, accuracy, and control. Use of tactics within a game Swimming	Dance – British Values travel, turn, jump, gesture, and stillness to convey events and emotions. Gymnastics -partner balance/counterbalance with partners.	Dance – The Highway Man – travel, turn, jump, gesture, and stillness to convey events and emotions. Gymnastics - balance sequence on apparatus with partners.	Athletics -running, long jump, triple jump, mini competition. Net & Wall -Tennis forehand, backhand, tactics within a game to score points	OAA get around a course using 8 compass points, plan a route and navigate. Striking and fielding -cricket bowling, striking, tactics within a game
RE	The Bible -Why and how do Christians read the Bible?	Sacred Texts (NCF) Christmas -the gospels of Matthew & Luke	Jesus The Teacher -parables and their meanings	Victory -looking at the Easter story	Women In the Old Testament	People of Faith

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French	Weather Quel temps fait-il? Song (to the tune of Here we Go) to be recorded.	Fruit (Likes/Dislikes) Tu aimes les fruits? Christmas Christmas Greetings to put in a Christmas card. Sing Jingle Bells in French.	Days of the Week and Numbers Days of week (written) Months (written)	Numbers 1-100 Using a French dictionary	The Very Hungry Caterpillar La chenille qui a très faim Reading and writing.	Clothes Qu'est-ce que tu portes? Revise Key Verbs and Phrases
PSHE/RSE	Me and my Relationships -Includes feelings/emotions/ Conflict resolution/ friendships.	Valuing difference -Includes British Values focus.	Keeping myself safe -Includes aspects of safe internet use, drugs and Relationship Education.	Rights and responsibilities -Includes money, living in the wider world/environment.	Being my Best -Includes keeping healthy/Growth Mindset/goal setting/achievement.	Growing and Changing -Includes RSE related issues.
Music	Livin on a Prayer	African Rhythms	Fresh Prince of Bel Air	Make You Feel My Love	Ukulele	Ukulele Reflect, Rewind and Replay
VALUE	Love	Peace	Courage	Compassion	Trust	Endurance