Year 5 Curriculum Overview – 2026 - 2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	*The Bear and the Piano* – retell *Tadpole's Promise* – retell *Bothered by Bugs* -retell *Kensuke's Kingdom* – informal letter *The Invisible* - retell Baghdad – non-chronological report	*Three Little Pigs* – newspaper report, setting description Otzi the Iceman – fact file *Greta and the Giants* – retell, Greta Thunberg - biography *A dot in the snow* – retell Winter - poetry	Catch It – retell *The Great Kapok Tree* – setting description and persuasive letter *After the Fall* – character description Napoleon – recount, Cooking – instructions	*The Selfish Giant* – retell parts 1 and 2 *Henry's Freedom Box* – retell, letter Narrative Poetry	The Dream Giver – retell and diary entry *Leather Shoe Charlie* – non-fiction *The Highwayman* - Diary	*Field Trip to the Moon* – retell The Sun Woman – retell Plant reproduction – explanation Katherine Johnson – biography *Curiosity* – Newspaper
Reading	*Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty		*Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold		*Kick* by Mitch Johnson *The Secret Garden* by Francis Hodgson Burnett	
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division A Fractions A		Multiplication and Division B Fractions B Decimals and Percentages Perimeter and Area Statistics		Geometry Position and Direction Decimals Negative Numbers Converting Units Volume	
Science	Forces	Space Global Warming	Properties of Materials	Animals including Humans Life Cycles	Reproduction Reversible and Irreversible Changes	Plastic Pollution Reproduction
History	Baghdad c.900 CE	The Early British Empire	The French Revolution	Transatlantic Slave Trade	The Industrial Revolution	The Victorian Age
Geography	Spatial Sense	Mountains	UK Geography: East Anglia, Yorkshire, Humberside and The Midlands	Australia	New Zealand and the South Pacific	Local Study
Computing	Introduction to Purple Mash / Quizzing / Databases		Game Creator	Spreadsheets	Coding	Word Processing
Art & Design	Style in Art	Islamic Art and Architecture	Art from Western Africa	Chinese Painting and Ceramics	Print Making	History of Photography
DT	Build: Cams Toys		Cook: Honey Cake and Pitta Bread		Sew: Bags	
RE	Symbols and Religious Expression	Christianity in History	Buddhism	Jesus as an Example	Words of Wisdom	Humanism
Music	What Shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?	Why We Sing Intro to Songwriting	Madina Tun Nabi	Building a Groove Época	Balinese Gamelan Composing in ternary form	Kisne Banaaya
French	Question building, colours, masculine and feminine animal nouns	Adjectival agreement using colours, 'Leon le chameleon' mini book project	Sentence structure using adjectives for size, singular and plural nouns	Sentence building with an adjective for position	Movement verbs using 'er', pets	Family members, 'Qui conduit' story
PSHE	TEAM	Diverse Britain	Be Yourself	Money Matters	Aiming High	It's My Body
PE	Swimming	Swimming	Fundamental Movements Balance, shape and rotation	Fundamental Movements Travelling and jumping	Athletics Attacking and defending	Introduction to Striking and Fielding Dance fundamentals