



Year 5 Curriculum Overview

2025-2026

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reading – Key Texts	Holes by Louis Sachar	Holes by Louis Sachar	The Explorer by Katherine Rundell	The Explorer by Katherine Rundell	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan	
Writing – Key Texts	Extract from ‘The Song of Hiawatha’ by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story by Catherine Johnson	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton	The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield	The Brilliant Deep by Kate Messner Coral Reefs by Jason Chin	Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe Life Doesn’t Frighten Me by Maya Angelou
Writing – end of unit outcomes	Poetry Recount: A series of diary entries	Fiction: An adventure story	Fiction: A myth, creating characters and setting	Recount: A formal biography of Chris Hadfield	Persuasion/information: information leaflet	Non-fiction: An information text
Mathematics	Year 5 follow the White Rose mathematics scheme of work.					
Science	Forces	Properties and Changes of Materials		Living things and their habitats	Animals including Humans	Earth and Space
History		How did the Scots and Anglo-Saxon invaders and settlers have an impact on Britain?		The Vikings – Ruthless killers or peaceful settlers?	Can we thank the Ancient Greeks for anything in our lives today?	
Geography	What are the geographical features of the UK?		Scandinavia how does our geography compare?			The UK and its economic activity.
The Arts (Art / Design Tech)	Access Art – Drawing & Sketchbooks	Woodwork	Access Art – Surface & Colour <i>Fashion Design</i>	Cams	Access Art – Working in Three Dimensions <i>Architecture: Dream Big or Small?</i>	Greek Food

	<i>Typography and Maps</i>					
Computing	Computing systems and networks – The internet	Creating media- Video production	Programming A – Selection in physical computing	Data and information – Flat file database	Creating media – Introduction to vector graphics	Programming B – Selection in quizzes
Music	Living on a prayer (recorders)	Dancing in the Street	The fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Whole Class Woodwind (Recorder) Lessons	Whole Class Woodwind (Recorder) Lessons	Reflect / Rewind and Replay
Physical Education	Dance Fitness	Dodgeball Fitness	Gymnastics Fitness	Swimming / Cricket Fitness	Swimming / Cricket Fitness	Athletics/ swimming Fitness
MFL (French)	French monster pets	Space exploration in French.	Shopping in France.	French speaking world.	Verbs in a French week.	Meet my French family.
PSHE	Can I set goals for me? How does alcohol damage my health? Can my mind get ill?	How do I make a choice? Should my heart rule my head? Why is change so scary?	What is peer pressure? What if I'm uncomfortable? What is loss?	Is my relationship unhealthy? What's a relationship commitment? What's a stereotype?	What is prejudice? How do I challenge someone's views? What is a debt?	Who pays tax and what does it do? Who chooses who runs our country? Can I save money and the environment?
Religious Education	Religion and the Individual		Beliefs and Questions	Inspirational people in today's world	Beliefs and actions in the World	