Year 5 2026 – 2027 Curriculum Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	**Book**: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick / On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan / Literacy Shed Prompt/ Journey		**Book:** Hidden Figures / Space Poetry Book / Great Barrier Reef		**Book**: The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd / Street Child by Doherty	
	• Diary entries • Setting Description • Third Person Narrative • Poetry • Persuasive Letter • Short Stories • Story Endings		• Biographies/Autobiographies • Character analysis • Chronological reports • Non-chronological reports • Newspapers • Comparative writing • Poetry		• Play scripts • Shakespeare • Debates and discussions • Recounts • Poetry • Adverts • Narrative writing	
Maths	• Number and Place Value: reasoning with large whole integers • Addition and Subtraction – integer addition and subtraction • Statistics: Line graphs and Timetables • Multiplication and Division • Measurement: Perimeter and Area		• Fractions, including decimals • Geometry: angles • Fractions, including percentages • Geometry: transformations		• Measurement: converting units of measure • Number: calculating with whole numbers and decimals • Geometry: 2D and 3D shape • Measurement: volume • Problem solving	
History	Baghdad c.900 CE	The Early British Empire	The French Revolution	The Transatlantic Slave Trade	The Industrial Revolution	The Victorian Age
Geography	Spatial Sense	Mountains	UK Geography: East Anglia, The Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside	Australia	New Zealand and the South Pacific	Local Study
Science	Properties and Changes of Materials	Forces	Earth and Space	Animals including humans (stages of human growth and human reproduction)	Living things and their habitats	We are scientists

Computing	Online Safety Computing Systems and Networks – systems and searching		Selection in Physical Computing	Flat-file Databases	Vector Graphics	Selection in Quizzes
PE **Indoor** **Outdoor**	Swimming Or Dance – exploring speed and dynamic vocabulary		Gymnastics Counter balance and counter tension	Orienteering	Cricket/Tennis	Dance
	Invasion Games: Netball	Invasion Games: Tag Rugby	Invasion Games: Basketball	Football	Striking/Fielding: Rounders	Athletics
Religion and World views	Is the Eightfold path still relevant today? **Buddha Dhamma & Jain Dharma**	Is it better to give than receive? **Islam & Christianity**	Why did a Chief Rabbi say "religion is about the why of creation, science is about the how?" **Judaism & Humanism**	Teachings of Guru Nanak **Sikhism Dharm**	Could the Lord's Prayer be universal? **Christianity**	How do faiths define themselves? **Baha'i**
PSHE	**Being me in my world** Who am I? How do I fit?	**Celebrating Differences** Respect for similarities and differences Anti-bullying and being unique	**Dreams & Goals** Aspirations, how to achieve goals and understanding emotions	**Changing me** Coping positively with change	**Relationships** Building positive and healthy relationships	**Healthy Me** Being and keeping safe and healthy
DT	**Structures:** Bridges		**Food Technology:** Hidden Vegetables PSHE: Changing me		**Mechanisms:** Creating a moving Ferris wheel English: London Eye Mystery	**Textiles:** Key rings Science: animals Maths: measurement
Art	**Ceramics:** Dragon Eyes Clay		Evolution Drawing		Tone and Colour Animals Collage – link to Science	
Music	• Learn to play 'O When the Saints Go Marching in' on a tuned instrument.	• Practise Christmas songs for a performance, with a focus on vocal	• Learning the basics of rap composition, including rhythm,	• Learning to play Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' on tuned instruments.	• Learning to play 'Seven Nation Army' on tuned and untuned instruments.	• Introduction to Country Music; exploring the origins and characteristics

	• Study the life and contributions of Louis Armstrong to Jazz music. • Listen and analyse famous jazz pieces by artists such as Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald – discussing the instruments used. • Role of improvisation. • Explore Jazz rhythms • Prepare a group performance of 'O When the Saints…'	techniques, pitch and expression • Using percussion instruments to add rhythmic accompaniment to Christmas songs • Exploring various styles of Christmas music from around the world.	rhyme and flow. • Playing hip hop songs on instruments • Exploring the basics of music production • Rhythm and beat boxing • Collaborating in small groups to create a hip hop track.	• Learning about Beethoven and his contribution to classical music. • Exploring basic musical forms and structures common in classical music. • Listening and analysing classical pieces. • Understanding dynamics and expressions.	• Introduction to Rock history and its key artists and bands. • Listening and analysing rock structures, instrumentation and lyrics. • Practising common rifts and rhythms • Group performance of 'Seven Nation Army'	of country music. • Learning about Country artists such as Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson. • Play simple country songs on tuned instruments • Listen to simple country music and discuss themes • Write their own country song, incorporating storytelling and musical elements.
M.F L.	**French** • French Monster Pets • Space Exploration		**French** • Shopping in France • French Speaking World		**French** • Verbs in a French Week • Meet My French Family	
Trips	Trip to Harrow Mosque Matilda Musical		Space Wonder Dome Pinner High Musical		Victorian Day Pinner High Art	