

Curriculum Overview for Year Five
2026 - 2027



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Leave the Bees Alone - Warning Story/Settings Poetry Week - Remembrance Poetry Animal Soldiers of WWI- Reports	Ice Forest - Suspense - setting & character reactions Adrenaline Towers - Persuasion	Voices in the Park- Characterisation and dialogue Performance Poetry-figurative language; range of poems & poets including Wordsworth	The Man Who Walked Between the Towers - News Report Holy Week & Easter - Diary, letter, monologue	The Door - Action portal story Oracy - Emmaville Speak Up	Chocolate for Breakfast - Discussion Polyjuice - Instructions
Oracy	Use gestures effectively to engage and persuade the audience. E.g. when pitching ideas to the school council for the charity day.	Self-assess own delivery of a short recorded presentation. Set targets to work on this year. (Persuasion writing link) Deliver an argument to a larger audience of their peers. (Yr grp) (Science link)	Use effective exploratory and evaluative language to clarify thinking during a discussion.	Present learning to peers. Use evaluative stems to support the discussion of successes and next steps for classmates	Independently discuss a question in a small group, maintaining focus on the question and roles.	Chair discussion group of up to 6 pupils. Maintaining focus and use of appropriate sentence stems. Present the outcome of the discussion to the class. Write a coherent discussion text in response to a whole-class stimulus.
Guided Reading	Varmints by Helen Ward	Curiosity the story of the Mars Rover by Markus Motum	Let's Chase Stars Together by Matt Goodfellow	One Million Insects by Isabel Thomas	The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Bruce	Blackberry Blue by Jamila Gavin

	The Broken Spectre by Linda Newberry	Cloudbusting by Malorie Blackman	The Promise by Nicola Davies	The Dam by David Almond		Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson
Maths	Short multiplication and short division Decimal fractions	Money Negative numbers Area and scaling	Calculating with decimal fractions Factors, multiples and primes	Fractions	Converting units	Angles Fractions revision Multiplication and division revision
Science	Materials: Properties and changes of materials	Earth & Space: Solar system model; orbits of Earth & Moon; day and night	Forces: Friction, air- resistance and up thrust	Living things and their habitats - differences in life cycles of mammal, insect, amphibian & bird	Animals including humans - development from birth to old age, including changes associated with puberty	Animals including humans - development from birth to old age, including changes associated with puberty School Nature Parks and the Local Area
History Famous people and significant events	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City	World War I Ancient China Historical Heritage of Durham City
Geography Investigate place and patterns and communicate geographically	Introduction to biomes terrestrial Tundra	Taiga (boreal forest) Temperate Deciduous forest	Grassland Temperate Desert Alpine (mountainous)	Scrubland Savanna	Tropical Desert Tropical Deciduous rainforest	Tropical rainforest
Computing	E-Safety- Internet rules	Programming - Music	E-Safety- Personal Details	Computing systems and networks Micro:Bit	E-Safety- Healthy Use of Technology	Data Handling- Mars Rover 2

	Computing systems and networks - Search engines		Data Handling- Mars Rover		Creating media - Stop motion animation	
PE	Swimming Basketball	Swimming Football	Swimming Gymnastics	Swimming Dance	Athletics Swimming	Tennis Swimming
Religion and Worldviews	Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?	Why do people have to stand up for what they believe in?	Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?	Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?	What happens when we die?	What happens when we die?
PSHE	Jigsaw theme: Being Me in My World	Jigsaw theme: Celebrating Differences	Jigsaw theme: Dreams and Goals	Jigsaw theme: Healthy Me	Jigsaw theme: Relationships	Jigsaw theme: Changing Me
Art	Class Country artist WW1 Propaganda posters -investigate & draw poster - line, texture, form & colour			Guanghua style art - brush paintings Line, colour and tint		Sculpture - Three British Sculptors - -soap sculptures Stained Glass - Durham Cathedral Shadow Sculptures
DT		Mechanics - Pop-up mechanisms (levers & sliders) - dioramas for Antarctica/ Oceania; Christmas cards	Woodwork - explore, design & make wooden products - measure, cut, join & finish different materials, including wood and card		Food - farm to fork processes, including the environmental and animal welfare issues -. Developing a healthier recipe.	
Music	Gustav Holst - Planets - listening to and using the language of music	History of Western Classical Music - Focus on the Romantic Era	Ancient China - Pentatonic Scales using glockenspiels <i>Reading and composing a score</i>	Carnival of the Animals- <i>Introduction and Royal March of the Lion</i>	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2027	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2027

				<i>The Aviary</i>		
MFL	Phonics My Family	The date	What is the weather?	Do you have a pet?	My home	Habitats
Whole school music genre	African Jazz and Ragtime Big Band and Swing Soul Blues and 1940's R n B Calypso and Reggae Rock and Roll Asian Music	Classical - Orchestral Music during World Wars 1 and 2. Wind or Brass Band Scottish Folk/ Scottish Dance String Quartet (Christmas) Christmas-Pop/Film/TV Christmas - Choral	Charleston/ Lindy Hop/jive March Flamenco / Greek dance Tango/ salsa/ rumba Country Ballad and Waltz Music from around the World	Welsh Choral music A cappella and Barbershop Irish Folk or Irish Dance Jewish music Gospel / Spiritual Music	English folk / country dancing music Musical Country Film Music Rock Opera Rap/Hip hop/Chant Rock	Pop Funk Disco Indie Contemporary R 'n' B 21st Century Pupil and Teacher Choice.
Whole school singing focus	When it's a sunny day Cauliflowers Fluffy Big, red combine harvester What you sow	Everywhere around me Song of blessing Calypso Carol It was on a starry night	This little light of mine My Lighthouse Blaydon Races	What goes in, must come out Hosanna Waka Waka - Africa	Parts of a body Days of the month Do, Re, Mi - Sound of Music This is me	One more step along the world I go Don't stop me now The climb
School events	Cross-Country Athletics - Year 5 Year 5 Girls Football Tournament				Bikeability - Year 5 TBC	Athletics Festival Sports Day Puberty Talk
Visits		Durham Cathedral visit - History & Geography TBC				Hindu temple - R&W