

Curriculum Overview for Year Five  
2024 - 2025



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>English</b>	<b>Leave the Bees Alone</b> - Warning Story/Settings  Poetry Week - TBC  <b>Animal Soldiers of WWI</b> - Reports	<b>Ice Forest</b> - Suspense - setting & character reactions  <b>Adrenaline Towers</b> - Persuasion	<b>Voices in the Park</b> - Characterisation and dialogue <b>Performance Poetry</b> -figurative language; range of poems & poets including Wordsworth	<b>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</b> - News Report  <b>Holy Week &amp; Easter</b> - Diary, letter, monologue	<b>The Door</b> - Action portal story  <b>Oracy competition</b> - TBC	<b>Chocolate for Breakfast</b> - Discussion  <b>Polyjuice</b> - Instructions
<b>Oracy</b>	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.

<b>Guided Reading</b>	Varmints by Helen Ward  The Brokenspectre by Linda Newberry	Curiosity the story of the Mars Rover by Markus Motum  The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman	Let's Chase Stars Together by Matt Goodfellow  The Promise by Nicola Davies	One Million Insects by Isabel Thomas  The Dam by David Almond	The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Bruce	Cloudbusting by Malorie Blackman  Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson
<b>Maths</b>	Decimal fractions  Money	Negative numbers  Short multiplication and short division	Area and scaling  Calculating with decimal fractions	Calculating with decimal fractions  Factors, multiples and primes	Factors, multiples and primes  Fractions	Fractions  Converting units  Angle
<b>Science</b>	<b>Materials:</b> Properties and changes of materials	<b>Earth &amp; Space:</b> Solar system model; orbits of Earth & Moon; day and night	<b>Forces:</b> Friction, air-resistance and up thrust	<b>Living things and their habitats -</b> differences in life cycles of mammal, insect, amphibian & bird	<b>Animals including humans -</b> development from birth to old age, including changes associated with puberty	<b>Properties &amp; changes of materials -</b> fair testing; ir/reversible changes; formation of new materials; separation
<b>History Famous people and significant events</b>	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
<b>Geography Investigate place and patterns and communicate geographically</b>	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
<b>Computing</b>	<b>E-Safety-</b> Internet rules	<b>Data Handling-</b> Mars Rover	<b>E-Safety-</b> Personal Details	<b>Programming -</b> Music	<b>E-Safety-</b> Healthy Use of Technology	<b>Computing systems and networks</b>

	<b>Programming-</b> Scratch		<b>Computing systems and networks -</b> Search engines		<b>Creating media -</b> Stop motion animation	
<b>PE</b>	Football Swimming	Basketball Swimming	Gymnastics Swimming	Dance Swimming	Athletics Swimming	Tennis Swimming
<b>RE</b>	<b>Hinduism</b> What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?	<b>Christianity</b> Is the Christmas story true?	<b>Hinduism</b> How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?	<b>Christianity</b> How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?	<b>Hinduism</b> Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara & Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?	<b>Christianity</b> What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Being Me in My World	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Celebrating Differences	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Online Relationships	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Healthy Me	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Dreams and Goals	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Changing Me
<b>Art</b>	<b>Class Country artist</b> <b>WW1 Propaganda posters</b> -investigate & draw poster - line, texture, form & colour			<b>Guanghua style art</b> - brush paintings Line, colour and tint		<b>Sculpture</b> - Three British Sculptors - -soap sculptures <b>Stained Glass</b> - Durham Cathedral <b>Shadow Sculptures</b>
<b>DT</b>		<b>Mechanics</b> - Pop-up mechanisms (levers & sliders) - dioramas for Antarctica/ Oceania; Christmas cards	<b>Woodwork</b> - explore, design & make wooden products - measure, cut, join & finish different materials, including wood and card		<b>Food</b> - farm to fork processes, including the environmental and animal welfare issues -. Developing a healthier recipe.	
<b>Music</b>	Gustav Holst - Planets - listening to and using the language of music	Music vocabulary	Singing focus	Carnival of the Animals-	Ancient China - Pentatonic Scales using glockenspiels	Western Classical Music <i>Romantic era</i> <i>20<sup>th</sup> Century</i>

				<i>Introduction and Royal March of the Lion</i>  <i>The Aviary</i>	<i>Reading and composing a score</i>	<i>21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>
<b>Whole school music genre</b>	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 Film Music Rock	Pop Funk Disco Rap/ Hip hop/Chant Indie Contemporary R 'n' B 21st Century Pupil and Teacher Choice.
<b>Whole school singing focus</b>	When it's a sunny day Cauliflowers fluffy Big Red Combine Harvester What you Saw	Everywhere around me Song of blessing Calypso Carol It was on a Starry Night	This little light of mine My Lighthouse Waka Waka Blaydon Races	What goes in, must come out Days of the months Hosanna	Parts of a body This is me	One more step along the world I go The Climb Don't stop me now Shine
<b>School events</b>	Cross-Country		Basketball Tournament			Athletics Festival
<b>Visits</b>		Durham Cathedral visit - History & Geography		Durham Oriental Museum - Shang Dynasty		Hindu temple - RE