

## Curriculum Overview for Year Five

2025 - 2026



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>English</b>	<p><b>Leave the Bees Alone</b> - Warning Story/Settings</p> <p>Poetry Week - TBC</p> <p><b>Animal Soldiers of WWI</b>- Reports</p>	<p><b>Ice Forest</b> - Suspense - setting &amp; character reactions</p> <p><b>Adrenaline Towers</b> - Persuasion</p>	<p><b>Voices in the Park</b>- Characterisation and dialogue</p> <p><b>Performance Poetry</b>-figurative language; range of poems &amp; poets including Wordsworth</p>	<p><b>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</b> - News Report</p> <p><b>Holy Week &amp; Easter</b> - Diary, letter, monologue</p>	<p><b>The Door</b> - Action portal story</p> <p><b>Oracy competition</b> - TBC</p>	<p><b>Chocolate for Breakfast</b> - Discussion</p> <p><b>Polyjuice</b> - Instructions</p>
<b>Oracy</b>	<p>Use gestures effectively to engage and persuade the audience. E.g. when pitching ideas to the school council for the charity day.</p>	<p>Self-assess own delivery of a short recorded presentation. Set targets to work on this year. (Persuasion writing link)</p> <p>Deliver an argument to a larger audience of their peers. (Yr grp) (Science link)</p>	<p>Use effective exploratory and evaluative language to clarify thinking during a discussion.</p>	<p>Present learning to peers.</p> <p>Use evaluative stems to support the discussion of successes and next steps for classmates</p>	<p>Independently discuss a question in a small group, maintaining focus on the question and roles.</p>	<p>Chair discussion group of up to 6 pupils. Maintaining focus and use of appropriate sentence stems.</p> <p>Present the outcome of the discussion to the class.</p> <p>Write a coherent discussion text in response to a whole-class stimulus.</p>
<b>Guided Reading</b>	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 Brokenspectre 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
<b>Maths</b>	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
<b>Science</b>	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	Properties & changes of materials - fair testing; ir/reversible changes; formation of new materials; separation
<b>History</b> 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
<b>Geography</b> 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
<b>Computing</b>	E-Safety- Internet rules  Computing systems and networks - Search engines	Programming - Music	E-Safety- Personal Details  Data Handling- Mars Rover	Computing systems and networks  Micro:Bit	E-Safety- Healthy Use of Technology  Creating media - Stop motion animation	Data Handling- Mars Rover 2

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	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Being Me in My World	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Celebrating Differences	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Dreams and Goals	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Healthy Me	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Relationships	<b>Jigsaw theme:</b> Changing Me
Art	<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>
DT		<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.	
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  Reading and composing a score	Carnival of the Animals-  <i>Introduction and Royal March of the Lion</i>  <i>The Aviary</i>	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2026	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2026

<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>	Together Harvest Samba Sing a Song for Harvest Autumn Days	The Body song I watch the Sunrise Give me oil in my lamp 12 days of Christmas Away in a Manger Every Christmas	I the Lord of Sea and Sky Down by the Riverside Happy Birthday in French La Bamba	Wake up Spring Chicken The Seed Song	As One Joseph's Coat A Million Dreams	Leavers' Song Can't stop the feeling Happy I'm still standing
<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 - R&W