

Curriculum Overview for Year Five
2025 - 2026



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	<p>Leave the Bees Alone - Warning Story/Settings</p> <p>Poetry Week - TBC</p> <p>Animal Soldiers of WWI- Reports</p>	<p>Ice Forest - Suspense - setting & character reactions</p> <p>Adrenaline Towers - Persuasion</p>	<p>Voices in the Park- Characterisation and dialogue</p> <p>Performance Poetry-figurative language; range of poems & poets including Wordsworth</p>	<p>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers - News Report</p> <p>Holy Week & Easter - Diary, letter, monologue</p>	<p>The Door - Action portal story</p> <p>Oracy competition - TBC</p>	<p>Chocolate for Breakfast - Discussion</p> <p>Polyjuice - Instructions</p>
Oracy	<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. Present the outcome of the discussion to the class.</p> <p>Write a coherent discussion text in response to a whole-class stimulus.</p>
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	Properties & changes of materials - fair testing; ir/reversible changes; formation of new materials; separation
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 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	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> <i>The Aviary</i>	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2026	Singing Focus - preparing for the Big Sing 2026

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 Film Music Rock	Pop Funk Disco Rap/ Hip hop/Chant Indie Contemporary R 'n' B 21st Century Pupil and Teacher Choice.
Whole school singing focus	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
School events	Cross-Country		Basketball Tournament			Athletics Festival
Visits		Durham Cathedral visit - History & Geography		Durham Oriental Museum - Shang Dynasty		Hindu temple - R&W