

Year 5 Yearly Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Religious Education	Creation and Covenant: Moses, God's covenants, the Ten Commandments, virtues, the second Creation story Prophecy and Promise: the life of David, David's kingship, the Rosary	Galilee to Jerusalem: the Beatitudes, comparisons between Matthew and Luke on Jesus's great commandment, the Transfiguration, the seven petitions of the Our Father Desert to Garden: Ash Wednesday, sin, conscience, the great commandment, the last things, the Resurrection	To the Ends of the Earth: the gifts of the Holy Spirit; confirmation; the Bible as containing sacred texts from Judaism, the four Gospels and other writings of the Early Church; scripture in Jewish life; showing respect for sacred texts From Dialogue to Encounter: the Bible, Judaism, the Torah, Shema
English	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year group. Core text: The Explorer by Katharine Rundell	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year group. Core text: The Explorer by Katharine Rundell; Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year group. Core text: Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black
	Key terminology for Y5: modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity Sentence structure focus for Y5: use simple and compound sentences; write complex sentences; cause and effect conjunctions; time-related conjunctions; conjunctive adverbs in non-narrative; direct speech punctuation Editing focus for Y5: comma to separate clauses, precise nouns, fronted adverbial phrases, apostrophes		
Mathematics	Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning. Place value, calculations and fractions	Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning. Calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area, statistics	Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning. Shape, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units of measurement, volume
Science	Forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction; mechanisms such as gears, levers and pulleys	Electricity: constructing circuits, functions of components, circuit diagrams Living Things and their Habitats: life cycles, reproduction, classification	Animals including Humans: circulatory system; impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle; transport of nutrients and water in animals including humans
Computing and Online Safety	Search engines What is AI? Online safety: SMART rules	Vector drawing Flatbase databases Online safety: life online	Video editing Controlling devices Online safety: digital ownership

Physical Education and Sport	Fundamental movements/team games Around the world/international sports	Net sports Racquet sports	Athletics Striking and fielding
History and Geography	Geography: the Alps History: Ancient Egypt	History: Tudor England Geography: oceans	
Personal, Social and Health Education	Me, my body, my health Emotional wellbeing	Life cycles Personal relationships Life online: keeping safe online	Keeping safe Living in the wider world
Art / D&T (alternative half terms)	Art: drawing – depth, emotion and movement DT: gears and pulleys	Art: painting and mixed media – expressive portraits DT: bridges	Art: sculpture and 3D – mega materials DT: bread making
Music / Spanish (alternate weeks)	Music: why we sing; introduction to songwriting Spanish: dates	Music: building a groove; play percussion Spanish: pets	Music: play percussion Spanish: the weather