

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Overview – Cycle A (2023-24)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Stormbreaker	Invasion, Power & Struggle	Fantastic Forests	Brazil and Deforestation	Power	Early Islamic Civilisation
Class Text(s)	<i>Stormbreaker</i> by Anthony Horowitz	<i>Viking Boy</i> By Tony Bradman <i>Beowulf</i> By Michael Morpurgo The Lights that dance in the Night By Juval Zommer	<i>The Girl Who Stole An Elephant</i> by Nizrana Farook Survivors (Non-Fiction) By David Long One Home (Non-Fiction) By Hiba Noor Khan	<i>Darwin's Dragons</i> by Lindsay Galvin Origin of the Species By Sabina Radevo	Skellig By David Almond Stonewall By Rob Sanders	<i>The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad</i> By Saviour Pirotta
History	Chronology focus Review of prior learning	Anglo-Saxon & Scot impact on Britain Viking & Anglo-Saxon struggle for power Remembrance: Conflicts since and including World War One <i>Significant Individual Study –</i> Simon Weston	<i>Significant Individual Study –</i> Female explorers/geographers: Harriet Chalmers Adams & Isabella Bird	<i>Significant Individual Study –</i> Charles Darwin (19thC naturalist)	<i>Significant Individual Study –</i> Dr Maria Telkes Hungarian scientist and inventor	(A study of an advanced non-European civilisation)
Geography	Maps – Locating the countries and capital cities of the world	Viking invasion: impact on the UK	Rainforests - & Deforestation & The Water Cycle	South America: Brazil, (Amazon River)	Enough for Everyone: Power, electricity, resources (Protecting our Planet)	Place knowledge and land use
Art	Sketching and Drawing Skills David Hockney Landscapes – One Point Perspective	Textiles Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Bishop Odo</i> Bayeux Tapestry	Collage Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Claude Lorrain</i> <i>Martin Johnson Heade</i> Landscapes - Composition	Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Jelly Green</i> Tonal Contrast	Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Wangechi Mutu</i> Figures	Sculpture Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Barbara Hepworth</i> Buildings
DT	Mechanical systems Making a pop up book based on Stormbreaker	Textiles Stuffed toys Create a Viking longboat Stuffed toy		Cooking and nutrition Developing a recipe Link to South American food	Electrical systems Steady hand game	
Science	Forces (inc gravity)	Investigation – Oceans	Animal Classification Adaptation of Animals	British Science Week Evolution & Inheritance	Light and Electricity	Investigation – Moon Changes
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks – Communication and Collaboration	Creating Media – Webpage Creation – Google Sites	Programming A – Variables in a Game - Scratch	Data and Information to Spreadsheets – Excel	Creating Media – 3D Modelling - Tinkercad	Programming B – Sensing Movement – Micro:Bit
PE – Indoor	Gymnastics	Dance – Robin Hood	Gymnastics	Dance – Highway Man	Gymnastics	Dance - Seaside
PE – Outdoor	Netball	Hockey	OAA	Tennis	Cricket	Athletics
Music	Keyboard skills: First chords and notes <i>Young Voices</i>	Keyboard skills: New chords and notes <i>Young Voices</i>	Keyboard skills: percussion	Keyboard skills: Dynamics, tempo, transitions	Keyboard skills: Dynamics Compose own music	Perform as an ensemble
French	The High Street: Buildings, Directions, Asking where places are,	The High Street: Describing times of the day, Family at Christmas	House and home: Rooms, Adjectives, Ma maison ideale,	House and Home: Une maison a louer, Furniture	Foods likes and dislikes, A balanced meal, Eating habits in France,	A French breakfast, A French dessert
RE	Why do some people believe God exists? Christianity	What would Jesus do? Is it still useful today? Christianity	How should people express their religion? Hinduism, Christianity		What do religions say to us when life gets hard? Islam, Humanism	
PSHE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me.	Relationships	Growing Up

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Overview – Cycle B (2024-25)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Yorkshire At War!	Reversible & Irreversible Changes	Being Human: Keep Moving, Keep Healthy	Life Cycles	The Space Race	Tudors
Class Text(s)	<i>Resist</i> by Tom Palmer	<i>Itch</i> By Simon Mayo	<i>Cogheart</i> By Peter Bunzl	<i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i> By Michael Morpurgo	<i>The War of the Worlds</i> Based on Novel by H.G. Wells	<i>The Diver's Daughter</i> by Patrice Lawrence
History	Local History Study of Normanton in WWII	Remembrance Day: British Empire countries Contribution of South Asian countries to WWII	Timeline of Medical Advancements Significant Individual – Marie Curie and Dr Christian Barnard	<i>Significant Individual – Dian Fossey</i>	<i>Significant Individuals – The Space Race</i> <i>Mae Jamison</i> <i>Yuri Gregarin</i> <i>Timeline of space travel</i>	Tudors (A non-chronological study that extends pupils' knowledge beyond 1066 – turning point in British history)
Geography	Marvellous maps	Weathering, erosion and global warming Coastal V Grand Canyon	<i>Significant Individual – link to Geography</i>	Biomes	Magnificent Mountains (Kilimanjaro) Raging Rivers (Local, National, Worldwide)	Frobisher Bay – North Canada Comparison with previously studied UK coast
Art	Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Evelyn Mary Dunbar</i> <i>John Singer Sargent</i> War Artefacts	Painting Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Julian Beever</i> <i>Giuseppe Acrimboldo</i> Illusions	Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Henry Moore</i> Hands and Fingers	Printing Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Suren Manvelyan</i> Animal Eyes	Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Lucien Rudaux</i> <i>Alma Woodsey Thomas</i> Moon Scenes	Clay Sketching and Drawing Skills <i>Chakalte</i> Mayan Temples
DT	Textiles Design and decorate an item of clothing Make do and mend link to WWII Waistcoat unit		Cooking and nutrition Come dine with me	Structure Bridges Link to Kensuke's Kingdom	Mechanical structure Automata toys Planet order toy	
Science	Investigation - Submarines	Properties and Changes of Materials	Animals including Humans	British Science Week: Life Cycles of animals and plants	Earth and Space	Investigation – Food Preservation
Computing	Computing Systems and Networks – Systems and Searching	Creating Media – Video Productions – Microsoft Video Editor	Data and Information – Flat File Databases	Programming B – Selection in Quizzes – Scratch	Creating Media – Introduction to Vector Graphics – Google Drawing App	Programming A - Selection in Physical Production - Crumble
PE – Indoor	Gymnastics	Dance – Food Glorious Food	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Dance – Earthlings	Dance – Heroes and Villains
PE – Outdoor	Netball	Hockey	Rugby	OAA	Rounders	Athletics
Music	Keyboard skills: First chords and notes <i>Young Voices</i>	Keyboard skills: New chords and notes <i>Young Voices</i>	Keyboard skills: percussion	Keyboard skills: Dynamics, tempo, transitions	Keyboard skills: Dynamics Compose own music	Perform as an ensemble
French	Classroom routines, Clothing, Family,	Occupations, Christmas: L'arbre de noel	Days of the week, Months of the year, Hobbies, Numbers 0-50,	Date/Weather, Weather/Seasons	Saying where you live, Plan a holiday, French speaking countries, Accommodation,	Travel arrangements, Places of interest
RE	Why go to a place of worship? Christianity, Hinduism and Judaism	What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? Islam	What matters most to Christians and to Humanists? Christianity & Humanism		What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa (harmlessness), Grace and Ummah (community)? Hinduism, Christianity & Islam	
PSHE	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me.	Relationships	Growing Up