



Year 5 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

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SUBJECT	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Class Reader	Street Child		Beowulf / Viking Boy		Secrets of a Sun King	
English	Narrative: Story with a historical setting – based on Street Child by Berlie Doherty (5 weeks) Diary Entry: Recount as characters from Street Child Diary of Queen Victoria. (3 weeks) (Y5 Grammarsaurus – Victorian child in the workhouse)	Biography and Autobiography: Queen Victoria (V and A introduces Queen Victoria) 5 Weeks Grammarsaurus– Year 5 Biography Queen Victoria Narrative Poetry: The Malfeasance by Alan Bold 3 weeks	Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo - Narrative x4 weeks Beowulf Character description (Grammarsaurus Y5) Non-Chronological reports: Viking Voyagers x 3 weeks	Narrative: Suspense and Mystery Stories –Viking Boy x 3 weeks	Non-Fiction – The story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland-Peck (Explanation of Egyptian Mummification) x3 weeks Newspaper reports: Reporting on the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb (5 weeks) The Egyptian Echo	Discussion Text: Secrets of a Sun King outcomes including diaries and letters (4 weeks) Poetry – Modern Rhyme’s about Egyptian Times (2 week) <i>Class Reader = Ancient Egypt Sleepover</i>
Guided Reading (Vipers)	Street Child - Vipers	Street Child - Vipers	Viking Boy - Vipers	Viking Boy - Vipers	Secrets of a Sun King - Vipers	Secrets of a Sun King - Vipers
Science (Kapow)	Materials: Properties and changes (6 wks) Lesson 1: Hardness	Materials: Mixtures and separation (6 wks) Lesson1: Mixtures	Forces and Space: Unbalances Forces (6 wks)	Forces and Space: Earth and Space (6wks)	Living things: Life cycles and reproduction (6 wks)	Animals: Human Timeline (3 wks) Lesson 1: Growing old

	Lesson 1: Exploring Quizzes Lesson 2: Using 2Quiz Lesson 3: Additional Quiz Features Lesson 4: Creating a Quiz Lesson 5: Completing, Debugging and Testing Quizzes installation Lesson 6: Assessment	Lesson 1: Understanding Databases Lesson 2: Creating a Database Lesson 3: Creating Queries Lesson 4: Solving Problems Lesson 5: Assessment	Lesson 1: Introduction to Video Gaming Lesson 2: Planning a Game Lesson 3: Customising Sprites Lesson 4: Game Environment Lesson 5: Evaluating Finished Games Lesson 6: Assessment	Lesson 1: Revisiting Spreadsheets Lesson 2: Converting Measurements Lesson 3: Creating Line Graphs Lesson 4: Tracking Weather Patterns Lesson 5: Planning and Budgeting an Event Lesson 6: Planning a Holiday Lesson 7: Assessment	Lesson 1: Coding Efficiently Lesson 2: Simulating a Physical System Lesson 3: Decomposition and Abstraction Lesson 4: Functions Lesson 5: Datatypes Lesson 6: Code Comprehension and Debugging Lesson 7: Assessment	Lesson 1: Understanding Concept Maps Lesson 2: Different Uses of Concept Maps Lesson 3: Planning a non-fiction Concept Map Lesson 4: Presenting a Concept Map Lesson 5: Assessment
Humanities (Kapow)	Autumn 1: History: What was life like in Tudor England? Lesson 1: Henry VIII – fair ruler or tyrant? Lesson 2: Why did Henry VIII have so many wives? Lesson 3: Why was Anne Boleyn executed? Lesson 4: How did Queen Elizabeth I use a royal progress? Lesson 5: What can inventories tell us about life in Tudor times? Lesson 6: What did John Blanke have in his inventory?	Autumn 2: Geography: What is life like in the Alps? Lesson 1: Where are the Alps? Lesson 2: What is it like in the Alps? Lesson 3: Why do people visit the Alps? Lesson 4: What is there to do in our local area? Lesson 5: How are the Alps different from our local area? Lesson 6: What is life like in the Alps?	Spring 1: History: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else? Lesson 1: When and why did the Vikings come to Britain? Lesson 2: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else? Lesson 3: Where did the Vikings go? How did they get there? Lesson 4: Why are there different Viking sagas explaining the same event and what does this tell us about the Vikings? Lesson 5: What were the impacts of Viking raids and settlements on local communities in Britain?	Spring 2: Geography: Why do oceans matter? Lesson 1: How do we use our oceans? Lesson 2: What is the Great Barrier Reef? Lesson 3: Why are our oceans suffering? Lesson 4: What can we do to help our oceans? Lesson 5: How littered is our marine environment? – Data collection Lesson 6: How littered is our marine environment? - Findings	Summer 1: History: What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation? Lesson 1: Who were the ancient Greeks and when did they live? Lesson 2: Who lived on Mount Olympus? Lesson 3: How was Ancient Greece governed? Lesson 4: Did the ancient Greeks give us democracy? Lesson 5: How do the ancient Greek philosophers influence us today? Lesson 6: What is the legacy of the Ancient Greeks?	Geography: Would you like to live in the desert? Lesson 1: What is a hot desert biome? Lesson 2: Where are deserts located? Lesson 3: What physical features are found in a desert? Lesson 4: How can people use deserts? Lesson 5: What are the threats to deserts? Lesson 6: Would you like to live in the desert?

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Music Kapow	<u>Music in nature: chords and melodies</u> Lesson 1: Exploring nature's dynamics Lesson 2: Cloud songs Lesson 3: Creating contrast with chords Lesson 4: Composing the forest Lesson 5: Northern Lights	<u>Three-chord pop: Playing in a band</u> Lesson 1: Singing pop Lesson 2: Playing s pop bass line Lesson 3: Playing pop chords Lesson 4: Rehearsal and performance techniques Lesson 5: Pop star performance	<u>South and West Africa</u> Lesson 1: Shosholoz a cappella Lesson 2: Playing Shosholoz a Lesson 3: The Shosholoz a show Lesson 4: Drumming away to Africa Lesson 5: Eight-beat breaks	<u>Composition to represent the festival of colour</u> Lesson 1: Hearing colours Lesson 2: Picturing music Lesson 3: Vocal composition Lesson 4: Colour composition Lesson 5: Performing in colour	<u>Looping and Mixing</u> Lesson 1: Body percussions loops Lesson 2: Mixing loops Lesson 3: Learning the original Lesson 4: Looping fragments Lesson 5: Remix	<u>Musical Theatre</u> Lesson 1: What is musical theatre? Lesson 2: Character or action song Lesson 3: Create your own musical Lesson 4: Rehearsing my musical Lesson 5: Performing my musical
PE Real PE GetSet4PE	Outdoor: Tag Rugby Indoor: Personal	Outdoor: Football Indoor: Social	Outdoor: Netball Indoor: Cognitive	Outdoor: Hockey Indoor: Creative	Outdoor: Athletics Indoor: Physical	Outdoor: Cricket Indoor: Health and Fitness
RE Understanding Christianity The Emmanuel Project	<u>God</u> Science Verses Religion (core – big bang)	<u>Incarnation 1.3</u> Was Jesus the Messiah? (Core)	<u>Judaism</u> What is holiness for the Jewish people; a place, a time, an object?	<u>Salvation 2b.6</u> What did Jesus do to save human beings? (Core)	<u>Buddhism</u> How did Budda teach his followers to find enlightenment?	<u>Islam</u> What does the Qu'ran reveal about Allah and his guidance?
PSHE Cambs	<u>Myself and My Relationships</u> Beginning and Belonging	<u>Myself and My Relationships</u> Anti-bullying Diversities and Communities	<u>Healthy and Safer Lifestyles</u> Managing safety and risk	<u>Myself and My Relationships</u> My Emotions	<u>Healthy and Safer Lifestyles</u> Healthy lifestyles	<u>Healthy and Safer Lifestyles</u> Relationships & Sex Education
French	Getting to know you (Twinkl) Lesson 1: Look What I can Do! Lesson 2: When I Grow Up	Unit 2: Space exploration Lesson 1: The Solar System in French Lesson 2: French Sun and Moon metaphors	Unit 3: Shopping in France Lesson 1: French money, numbers and prices	Unit 4: French-speaking world Lesson 1: Directions in French	Unit 5: Verbs in a French week Lesson 1: French – action! Lesson 2: Who is doing what in French?	Unit 6: Meet my French family Lesson 1: My French brothers and sisters

	Lesson 3: How Do You Spell That? Lesson 4: How Are you Feeling Lesson 5: What Am I Going to Do?	Lesson 3: Comparing planets in French Lesson 4: A galaxy guide in French Lesson 5: French alien worlds	Lesson 2: French fruit market Lesson 3: Monsieur Mangetout's French food week Lesson 4: Shopping in French – how much? Lesson 5: French detectives in the kitchen	Lesson 2: Where in the world is French spoken? Lesson 3: Treasures of the French-speaking world Lesson 4: Investigating climate in the French-speaking world Lesson 5: French globetrotters	Lesson 3: French verbs in a spin Lesson 4: French irregulars – to have and to be Lesson 5: A French week	Lesson 2: A French family tree Lesson 3: Describing my French family Lesson 4: What my French family likes Lesson 5: My extraordinary French family
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