

Curriculum Map 2026-27

Year 5

Year 5	Christmas		Easter		Summer	
English	Study of class novel: Street Child Following a SOW for the reading and some writing tasks.	Comprehension: Understanding, language (definition of words and phrases) and exploring the text Writing focus: Persuasive writing Advertisement Writing effective descriptions. Grammar focus: Plurals Pronouns, adjectives and possessives Verb tenses Direct/indirect speech Adverbs: clause Homophones Adjectives Relative pronouns Spelling: -ar/-are	Poetry study: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes The Highway Rat: Julia Donaldson	Comprehension: Poet’s use of language and poetic techniques. Purpose and structure Writing: Letter writing Descriptions Narrative Grammar focus: Homonyms Apostrophes Subject and predicate Pronouns (nouns) Relative clauses and pronouns Auxiliary verbs Commas Spelling: -ully/-ul endings fer + suffixes	Study of class novel: Kensuke’s Kingdom	Comprehension: Author’s use of language Different types of question Purpose and structure Inference – focusing on finding clues. Writing focus: Description Narratives Persuasive writing Grammar: Paragraphs Verbs: prefixes Confusing words Adverbs Auxiliary verbs – modal Commas, brackets and dashes Spelling:

		word roots ir/ire definitions y endings (nouns) y =ies + s/es silent letters -able/-ible/-ably/-ibly -ow endings -et ending		Hyphens and apostrophes, ough est and oll endings Groups of letters – different sounds		Homophones lous, eous, cious, tious Cal, cial, tial le Ei Ddle + ing Adding an e or not!
Maths	Numbers to 1 000 000 (place value, rounding) Whole numbers: addition & subtraction Whole numbers: multiplication & division (including finding factors, multiples, primes, by powers of 10) Calculations: word problems Statistics: reading and interpreting data in graphs and tables	Fractions (improper and mixed fractions, equivalent fractions, comparing, adding and subtracting, multiplying by whole numbers) Decimals (place value, fractions as decimals, adding and subtracting, rounding) Percentages (writing percentages from fractions and decimals, writing percentages from a numerical context) Geometry: angles (types, measure, draw) and apply angle reasoning to quadrilaterals, parallel lines and polygons	Geometry: position and movement (plotting points, translating and reflecting) Measurement: converting metric units of length, mass and volume; converting imperial and metric units; applying to word problems; time and temperature Area and perimeter: rectangles, squares and composite shapes Volume Roman numerals to 1000			
	Number work and wordy questions will be practised throughout the year. Each week there will be an additional 30 min lesson on times tables, number bonds and mental maths.					
Geography	What is Geography? Physical, Human and Environmental. Our Local Environment:	Mind mapping and map skills Our National Environment: National Parks (The South Downs)	The United Kingdom: Energy Sources, Coasts, Rivers, Mountains, Cities and Locations			

	Local land use survey		
History	What is History? How do we learn about the past? Our Local Area History Highlights from Chichester's past. Victorian Christmas traditions	Project work on the history of our school – from an English Country House to our School with a focus on the Victorian era. Victorian Inventions Victorian differences between rich and poor The workhouse	The Victorian Seaside Holiday Features of Victorian Seaside resorts What can Victorian use of the Bathing Machine tell us about Victorian attitudes and beliefs? (Source Study) Train travel Victorian Postal Service – the invention of the postcard
TPR	Holy Text: <i>The Bible</i> Key Passages: Exodus 3:1–17 Exodus 12. The Ten Commandments Moral Theories: <i>Why should I be good?</i> Christianity: Sin Prayer, Christingle, the Christmas Story.	Judaism: God, Prayer, Worship, Rites of Passage, Jewish Festivals, Easter Story	Christianity: God Prayer Worship Rites of Passage Festivals Place of Worship Tower of Babel
Art	One Point Perspective – water colours. Trip to Marwell Zoo - observations and papier mâché Critters.	Teddy painting - acrylic on canvas.	Repeat pattern making. Outside observational drawings. John Dyer planning for Y6 – A2 acrylic canvas.
DT	Textiles: Design and make a fabric pencil case roll: tie dye, printing, sewing (hand and machine) and the heat press machine. Wet Felting.		
	Food Technology: Kitchen Adventures		
	Ceramics: Rockets		

	Robotics: Introduction to Vex Robotics. Problem solving using various types of robots. Structures.		
Digital Skills	Digital citizenship and online safety Physical programming using Microbit Robots Finding files and creating folders in Google Drive Moving, renaming, downloading files into Google Drive Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom Using speech-to-text generation in Google Docs	Using Audacity to create and edit Audio Introduction to various AI apps Using Google slides and AI generated images Designing and creating a Web site using Google Sites	Designing and creating a web site continued Pasting text created in Google Docs Using advanced programming skills to solve problems Using Blockbench 3D design programming
Games & PE	Girls		
	Games: Netball, Hockey PE: Swimming, Orienteering, Cross Country, Badminton	Games: Hockey, Netball, Football, PE: Swimming, Fitness Testing, Football & Rugby	Athletics, Cricket, Tennis
	Boys		
	Games: Football, Rugby PE: Swimming, Orienteering, Badminton, Cross Country	Games: Rugby, Hockey. PE: Swimming, Fitness Testing, Hockey & Netball	Athletics, Cricket, Tennis
Drama	Roald Dahl and Theme Work for Year 5 Production	Year 5 Production	Movie Trailers & Harry Potter Module
Music	Pulse, metre and ostinato The Baroque Period: keyboard instruments and the Baroque orchestra, Singing, Music Theory	Programme music (The Four Seasons, the Danse Macabre) The Baroque style: Counterpoint Class Ensemble Singing (patrol songs), Music Theory	Composition: The Danse Macabre - creating their version of this musical story using SoundTrap Singing, Music Theory

SCIENCE – Rotated/taught in termly blocks		
PHYSICS Life with and without electricity Use of electricity Simple electricity symbols Electric circuits Electricity in nature Renewable and non-renewable sources of energy Alternative ways to generate electricity Living sustainably Space exploration Living in Space and space travel Mars	CHEMISTRY Safety in laboratory The Bunsen burner States of matter Water Cycle The Fire Triangle Burning fuels Physical and Chemical changes Rusting Prevention of rust Composition of air Materials – Rocks Solutions – soluble vs insoluble Separating substances	BIOLOGY Life processes Adaptation to habitat Nutrition Exercise/muscles Pulse rates/circulation Microorganisms Health – smoking and alcohol Endangered species/conservation Life cycles

LANGUAGES – 1 lesson of French and Latin per week for the year	
French	Latin
Introduction: Les Pays Francophones, alphabet, vowel sounds, greetings and basic conversations, numbers up to 31. Key cultural events throughout the year – Christmas, Easter etc. The new school year - talking about yourself including describing yourself, siblings, likes and dislikes, ages, what you do, your classroom, using the verb aimer + infinitive, adjective agreement. In class - subjects, school uniform, a typical school day, looking at French schools and describing a great school.	Primary Latin Course Chapters 1-6 (Hands Up Education). The course is available online www.primarylatin.com Classical Greek Alphabet – lower and upper cases. Transliteration of basic Greek words.
Vocabulary: 10-15 words or a verb to learn per week	