



Springhill Catholic Primary School - Year 5 Curriculum Map 2026-27



This planner is our aim for the year, however the themes/topics shown may change according to the children's needs and interests.

Year 5	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
RE	Mission Statement Relating our School Mission Statement to the Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship Charism What is our School Charism? Creation What do the two Creation stories tell us about God? How do we become like God? What do the Beatitudes mean for us today? Rosary	Catholic Social Teaching Who did Jesus Reach out to? How did Jesus reach out to those on the edges of society? What does Catholic Social Teaching say about reaching out to the marginalised? Who are today's marginalised? Advent What do we learn about Jesus from the Old Testament prophets? What does Scripture tell us about John The Baptist? What was John The Baptist's message and it is still relevant today?	Christmas What can we learn from the journey of the Wise men? What message can we take from the circumstances of Jesus' birth and flight to Egypt? What happened at the Baptism of Jesus? What part did John the Baptist play in the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God? What do the parables reveal to us about God's Kingdom? Revelation What happened at the Baptism of Jesus? What part did John the Baptist play in the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God? What do the parables reveal to us about God's Kingdom?	Lent How can the Gospels help us to resist temptation? How can St Paul's teachings help us become a like Jesus? Holy week Why did Jesus drive the traders from the temple? What do the Stations of the Cross teach us?	Easter What is a Triduum? How does the Church express its belief today? What does the story of Lazarus teach us?	Pentecost and Mission What was the impact of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? What do we have to do to build up the Church? What is the Trinity? Sacraments Why is marriage a sacrament? What happens when a priest is ordained? Why are Holy Orders and Matrimony sacraments of service and vocation?

Other faiths focus	Islam What does Islam teach about Peace?	Islam Hajj- pilgrimage	Sikhism Guru Nanak (as prophets) -symbolism	Judaism Rosh Hashanah (atonement – seeking forgiveness)	Hinduism Symbols of Hinduism and their meaning	Earth Day	
PDL	Feelings What is mental health and well being and how do we look after it?	Relationships How do we maintain healthy relationships in person and online?	Healthy me How do my daily choices affect my health and well being?	E-Safety How do my actions online affect my digital footprint and reputation?	Me, Myself & I How do bodies change during puberty and what are the internal reproductive organs?	Personal Safety & Transition Fire, water, road, railway and sun safety	
British Values	British Values What do we mean by British Values and why are they important in our society? Black History Month	Tolerance and Mutual Respect How does learning about other beliefs and religions encourage respect and tolerance?	Individual Liberty Why is individual liberty important in our local community?	Mutual Respect How can mutual respect help solve problems and disagreements?	Rule of Law Why is the rule of law an important British Value?	Democracy How does democracy make our society fairer?	
Class Texts		The Boy at the Back of the Class (Onjali Q Rauf)	Goodnight Mr Tom (Michelle Magorian)	Once (Morris Gleitzman)	Treason by Berlie Doherty	Rooftoppers (Katherine Rundell)	The Final Year (Matt Godfellow)

Reading	Fluency Develop fluency through paired reading, choral reading and echo reading. Read with expression and accurate intonation Read widely for pleasure Listen to, read and discuss a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry Retrieval Find and comment on relevant points in the text Support ideas with detail from the text Use skimming and scanning to locate information in a text Sort and select information based on relevance Retrieve information from different parts of a text and combine Vocabulary Make sense of new vocabulary Develop strategies to figure out unknown words Making connections Explore how historical context (time, place and social setting) can impact the language and style of a text Identify reasons for similarities and differences in the text Inference Justify answers using evidence from the text Point, evidence and explain (for feelings, thoughts or motives) Decide on the most relevant / specific clues / reasons (for feelings, thoughts or motives)	Retrieval Emphasis on reading past the first supposed answer Vocabulary Make sense of new vocabulary Use strategies to figure out unknown words. Understand writers' word choices and the impact of chosen words Explain and evaluate the effect of metaphorical and emotive language Inference Make sense of information from different points in the text Interpret what is read to make deductions about themes and events and personality of characters Comment on interrelationships of characters Predict Make sensible predictions based on what is stated and implied Summarising Summarising main ideas Selecting key details that support the main idea	Retrieval Understand and respond to the key points in the text. Comment on the parts of the text using quotations and supporting ideas by referring to the text Vocabulary Explore the tone and exact meanings of word choices Inference Infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives and justify with evidence Link related clues Look closely at the meaning of individual words and phrases and how we can draw inferences from these Predict Offer substantial reasons based on the text Making connections Make connections with other texts, our lives and the world in general
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Writing Context	FICTION Setting and character description based on the picture book <i>'Father'</i> by Grahame Baker-Smith NON-FICTION Non-chronological reports Based on current Science topic of 'Space' NON-FICTION Persuasion Based on Refugees – The Boy at the Back of the Class	FICTION Historical Fiction Based on the book <i>'Goodnight Mister Tom'</i> by Michelle Magorian Time slip stories (back to WW2) NON-FICTION Recount – Newspaper reports Based on History Topic of 'WWII' NON-FICTION Diary accounts based on the book <i>'Once'</i> by Morris Gleitzman. Diary entries	FICTION Winter poems FICTION Fantasy/Location-slip stories Based on the book <i>'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'</i> By C.S. Lewis	NON-FICTION Explanation Based on 'The Majestic Plastic Bag' and environmental issues FICTION Suspense focusing on atmosphere	FICTION Greek Myths Based on Pegasus, Persephone, Orpheus, Minotaur, Midas, Medusa, Cyclops NON-FICTION Explanation Based on Science Topic Living things and their habitats NON-FICTION Persuasive speeches based on Geography Unit - Rainforests	NON-FICTION Discussion Based on 'Athenians V Spartans' FICTION Settings and character description Based on the book <i>'Rooftoppers'</i> by Katherine Rundell
Writing Skills (including grammar & punctuation)	FICTION Similes Metaphors Personification Sentence of Three NON-FICTION Non-chronological reports Relative clauses (who/which) Parenthesis - dashes and brackets	FICTION Fronted adverbials Making links within and between paragraphs using tense changes dialogue Emotion through action NON-FICTION Parenthesis Making links between paragraphs using	FICTION Simile Metaphor Personification FICTION Dialogue Character through what they say Character through how they say it Making links within and between paragraphs	NON-FICTION Openers Commas after openers Using colons and semicolons (: and ;) FICTION Varying sentence types for purpose Relative clause Sentences of 3	FICTION Co-ordinating conjunctions (<i>e.g. and, but, so, for, yet, nor, or</i>) Subordinating conjunctions (<i>e.g. when, although, whilst</i>) Commas to separate clauses Variety of sentence type NON-FICTION Varying sentence types Relative clause (including dashes and	NON-FICTION Dashes and brackets Colons and semi-colons to link two main ideas Colon to introduce a list Semi-colon to separate items in a list FICTION Similes Metaphors Personification Sentences of three (description and action)

	Non-fiction structural features to navigate the reader Precise nouns and verbs NON-FICTION Persuasion Making links within and between paragraphs Vocabulary choices for effect (emotive)	tense and adverbials of time Co-ordinating conjunctions (<i>e.g. and, but, so, for, yet, nor, or</i>) Subordinating conjunctions (<i>e.g. when, although, whilst</i>) Commas to separate clauses NON-FICTION Diaries Fronted adverbials Tense Cohesion Targets to address current misconceptions	Vocabulary choices for effect	Subordinate clauses Short sentences Vocabulary for effect	brackets for parenthesis) Sentences of three Short sentences Subordinate clauses NON-FICTION Persuasion Making links within and between paragraphs Vocabulary choices for effect (emotive)	Emotion through action
Mathematics	RECAP – times tables and arithmetic methods from Y4 Place value Numbers to 10,000 Numbers to 100,000 (read, write, represent, identify the value, partition, compare, order)	Addition and subtraction Mental strategies Sequences Add / subtract in a column Rounding to estimate Inverse operations Multi-step problems Decimal addition and subtraction Adding and subtracting decimals within 1 Complements to 1	Statistics Read and interpret line graphs Draw line graphs Solve problems Read and interpret tables Two-way tables Multiplication and division Times tables fluency Multiples and factors	Fractions What is a fraction? Equivalent fractions Fractions greater than 1 Convert between improper and mixed number Fraction sequences Compare and order fractions <1	Geometry Identify angles Compare and order angles Measure angles in degrees Draw and measure with a protractor Draw lines and angles Calculate angles on a straight line Calculate angles around a point Recognise and describe	Measure - time Years, months, weeks, days Hours, minutes, seconds Tell the time to the nearest minute Use am and pm Analogue to digital 12-hour and 24-hour Measuring time in seconds Durations of time Converting units of time Timetables

	and place / estimate on number lines) Numbers to 1,000,000 (read, write, represent, identify the value, partition, compare, order and place / estimate on number lines) Rounding Negative numbers Decimal place value Count in tenths and hundredths Count in thousandths Decimals to 3dp (read, write, represent, identify the value, partition, compare, order and place on a number line) Tenths and hundredths as decimals / fractions Dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 Identify the value of a whole number in tenths / hundredths	Crossing the whole Different decimal places Adding / subtracting whole numbers and decimals Decimal sequences Multi-step problems Measure – money Pounds and pence Compare and order money Estimating money Converting between pounds and pence Adding and subtracting money Finding change Money problem-solving Perimeter Length Measure perimeter Perimeter on a grid Perimeter of rectangles and squares Perimeter of rectilinear shapes Calculating perimeter	Common factors Squares and cubes Measure – area Counting squares Area of squares and rectangles Area of compound shapes Multiplication and division Multiply and divide by 10, 100, 1000 Multiples of 10, 100 and 1000 Measure – conversions L – ml Kg – g Mm – cm – m – km Multiplication and division Short multiplication method 4-digit x 1 - digit Long multiplication method 4-digit x 2-digit Divide 3-digit by 1-digit with and without remainders	Compare and order fractions >1 Add and subtract fractions Add fractions within 1 Add 3 or more fractions Add fractions – answer >1 Add mixed numbers Subtract fractions Subtract mixed numbers Subtract – breaking the whole Subtract 2 mixed numbers Unit fraction x whole number Non-unit fraction x whole number Mixed number x whole number Fractions of a quantity Fraction of a larger amount Use fractions as operators Problem solving with fractions	2d shapes Triangles Quadrilaterals Calculate lengths and angles in shapes Regular and irregular polygons Recognise and describe 3d shape Reasoning about 3D shapes Horizontal and vertical Parallel and perpendicular Describe position Draw on a grid Position in the first quadrant Translation Translation with coordinates Lines of symmetry Completing symmetric figures Reflection Reflection with co-ordinates	Problem solving with time Timetables Arithmetic revision ready for Y6 Adding and subtracting whole numbers & decimals Short & long multiplication Short division Multiplying and dividing by multiples of 10, 100, 1000 Adding / subtracting fractions Adding / subtracting mixed numbers Multiplying non-unit fractions Multiplying whole number and non-unit fractions
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	Identify the value of a tenth in hundredths Rounding decimals		Divide 4-digit by 1-digit with and without remainders Interpret remainders Convert remainders into basic fractions (GD) Scaling problems	Converting between decimals and fractions		
Science	Earth and Space What is our solar system? How can we prove the shape of the Earth, Sun and Moon? How does the shape of the moon appear to change over time? How do we have day and night on planet Earth? How and why does the length of shadows change over the day?	Forces What is gravity? What does it do? What makes some objects fall faster than others? What affects a parachute’s fall? Which object will move across the table quicker? How does the shape of an object affect how it moves through water? How can we use a similar force to have a greater effect?	Properties and Materials How can materials be grouped, based on their properties? Which materials conduct electricity? Which materials dissolve in liquid? How can a substance be recovered from a solution? How can mixtures be separated? Why are some everyday materials used over others for different things? What are reversible changes? What are irreversible changes?	Living things and their habitats What are the differences between animal life-cycles? How does a mammal change over time? The lifecycle of a bird The life cycle of an amphibian The lifecycle of different insects What are the different functions of a flower? What happens to a plant after fertilisation has occurred?	Animals including humans What are the main stages of growth in humans? What is puberty and how does it change our bodies? What are the stages of growth in animals such as frogs and butterflies?	

Computing	Computing Systems and Networks Recognising IT systems in the world and how some can enable searching on the internet.	Creating media Introduction to vector graphics Creating images in a program by using layers and groups of objects.	Creating Media Video Production Planning, capturing and editing video to produce a short film.	Programming A Selection in physical computing Exploring conditions and selection using a programmable microcomputer.	Data and Information Flat-File Databases Using a database to order data and create charts to answer questions.	Programming Selection in quizzes Exploring selection in programming to design and code and interactive quiz.
	There is an online safety focus within each unit of work and each lesson begins with revision of keeping ourselves safe online					
Geography	The UK Physical and human geography (including recap of Y4 UK map work) Revise: Countries, Capitals and bodies of water in the UK. Key UK Cities and Counties in the UK. What are regions? How is land used in the UK? What natural resources does the UK have? How can we use lines of longitude and latitude? What are time zones?		Rivers Key world rivers River journey from source to mouth Mapping the River Thames Erosion, transportation and deposition Why do rivers flood? Water sustainability		North and South America What are the main countries and cities in North and South America? What are the key topographical features? What are the patterns of land use? The Amazon Basin & The New Forest What is a rainforest ecosystem? What are the main physical features of the Amazon basin and the New Forest? What are settlements like in the Amazon basin and the New Forest? What are the threats to the tropical rainforest? What are the threats to the tropical rainforest? How	

					can Rainforests be protected?	
History		WWII What were the causes of WWII? Who contributed to the British war effort? What was the impact of rationing? How did the blitz affect communities? What was the impact of evacuation? What is the Holocaust?		Tudors Who were the Tudors and when did they live? What was life like in Tudor Britain? Crime and punishment in Tudor Britain? Disease and medicine in Tudor Britain? What was life like for Tudor children?		Ancient Greeks and their influence on the western world Where and when did the Ancient Greeks live? What was life like in Athens and Sparta? How were the city-states of Athens and Sparta governed in Ancient Greek times? How does government and democracy in Ancient Greek times compare to government and democracy in modern day Britain? How did life compare for the children of Athens and Sparta? How did Ancient Greek children's upbringing shape their adult lives?

						How are past –times of the ancient Greeks similar to those of modern day? In what ways have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?
Art	Colour Tones Value Cool colours for emotion Colour intensity Drawing Chalk to create tone Circulism, stippling and scumbling for shading darkest/lightest tones Shadows Facial expressions Reflections One-point perspective		Expressionism Comparison of 2 expressionist groups (Brucke and Der Blau Reiter) Using oil pastels to create expressionism Expressionist portrai Using tones to convey emotions Using fast brush strokes and vivid colours Abstract expressionism Expressionist collage Artist focus: Kathe Kollwitz, Wassily Kandinsky, Franz Marc Print		Combine prints Accurate print design Pictorial and patterned Range of colours Marbling Lino print Pattern Geometry Organic shapes Texture Visual/tactile qualities Form Practise intricate patterns and textures Making frames	

DT		Christmas Advent Calendar Form a range of ideas using information from existing products Design a product which is attractive and strong Create an overcast stitch Attach buttons using stitching Consider purpose of join when selecting stitch Create net, even edges in cut fabric Create secure stitching Evaluate appearance and function against original design		Food and nutrition Falafel and hummus Vegetable pie Understand and apply the principles of a healthy and varied diet. Understand seasonality, and know where and how a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed Prepare and cook a variety of predominantly savoury dishes using a range of cooking techniques		Cams Moving Toy Use a computer program to create a cross-sectional diagram Create a step-by-step plan Use accurate measurements when cutting resources Use a glue gun with accuracy Assemble components
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PE <i>(units are rotated throughout the year)</i>	Games Invasion games – Basketball Move, receive, pivot and pass Mark opponent Dodge away from opponent Net/court games – Tennis Vary the length and angle of shots to make opponent move Play shots on both sides of the body with reasonable control Gymnastics Flight 5 basic jumps Different shapes in the air Limbs together and apart in flight Spinning and turning Turn and spin on different body parts Travel on different axes of the body Bridges High and low bridges Travel in bridge shapes Move into and out of bridges		Gymnastics Flight 5 basic jumps Different shapes in the air Limbs together and apart in flight Spinning and turning Turn and spin on different body parts Travel on different axes of the body Bridges High and low bridges Travel in bridge shapes Move into and out of bridges Invasion games – Football Dribbling ball with feet Controlling ball with thigh Tag Rugby		Athletics Javelin Throwing (distance and accuracy) Sprinting Jumping for distance Dance Perform fluid and continuous movements (Capoeira) Create and perform jagged, angular, sharp movements in a phrase Use exaggerated movements to create a phrase in slow motion Perform a regimented routine as a group in unison and canon Striking and fielding games - Cricket Send and receive a small ball Send a small ball overarm Strike a small ball with a cricket bat	
	French phonetics	The Date	At the tea-room	Do you have a pet?	What is the weather like?	Clothes

Music	Composition Choosing and ordering sounds and using musical elements to create compositions in response to music listened to as an inspiration.	Christmas Preparation including singing together, learning new songs, preparing/rehearsing for quality performance and performing for an audience	Graphic Scores Layering graphic scores and being able to discuss musical elements that are used within own and other's graphic scores. John Cage McQueen	Round Singing understanding unison and round, maintaining own part and singing with confidence.	Musical structure Verse and chorus structure, different structures and effect of structures and how to use. Composing own simple songs using verse-chorus, repetition of phrases. Notation and simple scores to record. Singing and preparing songs for Mass.	Melody and Accompaniment Creating and playing melodies and accompaniment together. Pulse and rhythm within melodies and accompaniments.
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