



The Year 5 Whitley Curriculum - Long Term Plan 2026-27

	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
Value	Resilience		Respect		Love		Forgiveness		Perseverance		Kindness	
Core Book	Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman	Firebird by Saviour Pirotta	The Lost Thing Shaun Tan	Titanic	Lizzie and Belle Mysteries	<i>Wonderling Persuasive letter</i>	The lost happy endings	Explanation	Instructions	Narrative	Narrative	Biography
English	Descriptive narrative. Biography.		Narrative - Write own version - include speech if possible. Balanced Argument		Recount – diary. Persuasive letter.		Narrative - focus on descriptive writing. Explanation text.		Narrative - Writing from not the main perspective character. - include speech. Additional independent writes, smaller extracts for teachers to target their own classes.		Non fiction, information text. Guide to... Poetry: Include a figurative language lesson using poetry.	
Science	Earth and space		Forces		Materials		Materials		Living things and their habitats		Animals including humans	
RE	2.3 For Christians, how can following God bring freedom and justice?		2.4 Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?		2.11 What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?		2.6 What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' human beings?		2.11 What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God?		2.13 Why do some people believe in God and some people not?	
Computing	Catch up unit 1		Catch up unit 2		Computing systems and networks: search engines		Programming 1: Music		Creating media: stop motion animation		Data handling: Mars Rover 1	
Humanities Geography / History	Geography: Investigating mountains.		History: Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?		Geography: Investigating rivers.		History: What was life like in Tudor Britain?		Geography: Investigating our town: Bedlington.		History: What is the legacy of the Ancient Greek civilisation?	

Arts and Design	Painting and mixed media portraits	Structure: Bridges	Sculpture and 3D: Interactive installation	Cooking and nutrition: Developing a recipe	Craft and design: Architecture	Textiles: Stuffed toys.
PSHE, RSE	Me and my relationships	Valuing Difference	Keeping safe	Rights and respect	Being my best	Growing and changing
PE	Modified team games	Striking and fielding	Striking and fielding	Net and wall games	Problem solving and challenge games	Athletics and fitness
Music	Music in nature: Chords and melodies.	Three-chord pop: Playing in a band Christmas performances.	West African rhythms: Create, play and perform.	Music technology: Podcasts and jingles.	Stage and song: Storytelling through music.	Samba sounds: Rhythm and groove.
MFL	Unit 1: French Monster Pets	Unit 2: French exploration	Unit 3: Shopping in France	Unit 4: French-speaking world	Unit 5: Verbs in a French week	Unit 6: Meet my French Family
Enrichment	Teamwork games to build resilience/ interaction and problem solving Breathing/ calming activities/ understanding emotions to support healthy mental wellbeing Raising awareness for the local foodbank - community focus	Culture - Celebrating Black History month and studying Maggie Aderin-Pocock (STEM) Board games - develop analytical skills/ problem solving Children in Need - supporting global charity School production Pantomime	Board games - develop analytical skills/ problem solving Developing ideas with the Eco Champions/ class MP's to enrich our school environment Anti-bullying session Bikeability	Board games - develop analytical skills/ problem solving World Book Day Library visit Easter activities - egg roll/ egg competition Police led session	Field trip - locally explore habitats and wildlife.	Board games - develop analytical skills/ problem solving