CALDECOTE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Happy, Healthy, High-Achieving

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	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (5 weeks)	Summer 1 (7 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Topic Title	***Enchanted Worlds***	***Ancient Greece***	***Volatile Earth***	***The Romans***	***Rivers***	***Nibblers and Nashers***
Writing stimuli	Into the Forest – Anthony Browne Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales (Usborne Illustrated Story Collections)	Journey – Aaron Becker Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths (Usborne Illustrated Story Collections) Mythologica – Victoria Topping and Stephen Kershaw	Firework Maker's Daughter – Philip Pullman	Escape from Pompeii – Christina Balit	The Vanishing Trick – Jenni Spangler	Inside the Villains – Clotilde Perrin Varjak Paw – S.F. Said
Writing	Narrative: Into the Forest (Anthony Browne) *4 weeks* Setting description: Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone (JK Rowling) *1 week* Poetry: Jabberwocky (Lewis Carroll) *2 weeks*	Playscripts: Journey (Aaron Becker) *3 weeks* Character description: Mythologica (Victoria Topping and Stephen Kershaw) *2 weeks* Public speaking: Theme TBC *1 week* Assessments *1 week*	Diary entry: Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman) *3 weeks* Descriptive writing (design and describe a firework): Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman) *2 weeks* Instructions: Create a design a board game	Historical narrative: Escape from Pompeii (Christina Balit) *4 weeks* Assessments *1 week*	The Vanishing Trick: Persuasive letter (Jenni Spangler) *4 weeks* Non Chronological Report: Rivers *3 weeks*	Biography: Inside the Villains (Clotilde Perrin) *3 weeks* Newspaper report: Varjak Paw (S.F. Said) *3 weeks* Assessments *1 week*
Cross curricular writing	Essay: What are the differences between Greece and the UK?		Non-chronological report: History – The Romans		Explanation: How does the digestive system work?	

Extended reading texts	Short stories – Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales (Usborne Illustrated Story Collections) Book – Hansel and Gretel (Anthony Browne) Poetry – Jabberwocky (Lewis Carroll) Excerpts – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (J.K. Rowling)	Short stories – Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths (Usborne Illustrated Story Collections) Book – Mythologica (Victoria Topping and Stephen Kershaw) Information texts – Ancient Greece	Book – Firework Maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman) Information texts – Volcanoes and earthquakes Diary entry – KS2 diary account of the eruption of Vesuvius	Discussion – Were the Romans the best inventors in history? (Grammarsaurus) Joseph Coelho poems Classic – The Velveteen Rabbit (Margery Williams) The Vanishing Trick (Jenni Spangler)	Book – The Vanishing Trick (Jenni Spangler) Letter – tourist information Advert – Victorian academy Persuasive letter – deforestation (Grammarsaurus)	Biographies and short narratives – Inside the Villains (Clotilde Perrin) Book – Varjak Paw (S.F. Said) Explanation – digestive system (Grammarsaurus)
Maths	Place value Addition and subtraction	Area Multiplication and Division A	Multiplication and division B Length and perimeter	Fractions Decimals A Decimals B	Money Time Shape	Statistics Position and Direction
Science **Grammarsaurus**	Sound – What is sound?	States of matter – Can materials change state?	Living things and their habitats – Which living things can we identify in the local area?		Electricity – What is electricity?	Animals including humans – What happens to the food that we eat?
Art & Design **Grammarsaurus**	Textiles	Greek sculpture (clay)	Printmaking	Collage: Roman mosaic	Painting: rivers	Drawing
Computing **Teach Computing**	Computing systems and networks – The Internet	Understanding Audio Media	Programming A – repetition in shapes	Data and information – data logging	Creating media – photo editing	Programming B – repetition in games
D&T	Healthy foods – prepare, measure and assemble		Construction – earthquake-resistant buildings	Materials – Roman temples	Mechanics and electrics – electric cars	

Geography	Would you prefer to live in the UK or Greece?		How are earthquakes and volcanoes the same/different?		Rivers and the Water Cycle	
History **Grammarsaurus**		Ancient Greeks – What were the greatest achievements of Ancient Greece?		The Romans – How did the Romans impact Britain?		Local history: How has life changed for children in Caldecote?
Music **Kapow**	Body tuned percussion.	Rock and roll.	Samba and carnival sounds.	Adapting and transposing motifs.	Changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics.	Haiku, music and performance.
PE **Cambridgeshire PE**	Gymnastics: Principles of balance Games: Football	Games: Tag Rugby Dance: Rugby & the Haka	Games: Hocket OOA: Orienteering	Dance: Romans Games: Handball	Games: Rounders Gymnastics: Rotation	Athletics and Boccia: Pentathlon Games: Net games
PSHE **PSHE Association**	Mental health and wellbeing	Exploring ways to manage risk	Forming respectful relationships	Money matters and news literacy	Families and growing together	Me, my body and growing up
RE **Cambridgeshire RE**	What does it mean to be a Sikh?		Why pray?		Why is belief important to some people?	
Spanish **Rachel Hawkes**	Describing me and others; days of the week; talking about where I am from	Saying what I and others have; family; items in the classroom	Saying what I and others do; places	Saying how many and describing things; body parts; numbers to 50	Describing things and people; months of the year; birthday	Expressing likes and saying what I and others do; poem
Themed Days/Weeks	Black History Month 1 – 31st October 2026 Theme: Honouring our communities Christmas card artwork (1 day)	Anti-Bullying week 16 – 20th November 2026 Theme: Break the Silence	Children's Mental Health Week 1 – 7th February 2027 Theme: TBC January 2027 - Public speaking competition – 'In school' event, followed by CB23 event.	World Book Day 4th March 2027 Theme: TBC British Science (STEM) Week 5-14th March 2027 Theme: TBC	Walk to School Week 19 – 23rd May 2027 Theme: TBC HSBC Smart Money Workshops 21 – 26th April 2027 Theme: TBC	National School Sports Week 15 – 22nd June 2027 Theme: TBC
Year 4 Caldecote	Perform a poem to an audience	Create a fantasy creature and decide its rights	Design a peace garden and share it with the class	Create a digital self-portrait	Stay away from home for a night	Explore a natural habitat

Character Education						
Educational trip, event and visitor	Trip: Harry Potter Studios	Event: Ancient Greek Day	Event: Volcano Day Trip: 2nd Feb 2027 -Young Voices – London (School Choir - Music)	Trip: Science – TBC Event: Class assembly to parents Event: 25th Feb 2027 - KS2 virtual dance experience with Royal Ballet and Opera	Trip: Burwell House Visitor: Local Finance professional (Smart Money workshops)	Visitor: Whipple Museum Visitor