



Year 6 Curriculum map 2026 – 2027

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic title	<i>Blood and Heart</i>	<i>Mysteries of the Maya</i>	<i>Global connections</i>	<i>Gallows and Handcuffs</i>	<i>Darwin's Discoveries</i>	<i>Electricity</i>
Writing stimuli	Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman	Oh Maya Gods – Maz Evans A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens	On the Move – Michael Rosen All Aboard the Empire Windrush – Jillian Powell	The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes Holes - Louis Sacher	Darwin's Dragons – Lindsay Galvin	Boy in the Tower – Polly Ho-Yen
Writing	Punctuation and Grammar unit (1 week) Formal letter or balanced argument: Pig Heart Boy (3 weeks) Narrative: Flashback – Pig Heart Boy (3 weeks) SATS baseline assessments	Narrative: Story sequel including characterizing speech (3 weeks) Non-chronological report – History – Ancient Maya (2 weeks) Setting description: Christmas Carol (2 weeks) SATS assessments	Public speaking: Theme TBC (1 week) Newspaper report: Windrush arrival (3 weeks) Poetry: On the Move – Poet study (1 week) SATS assessments	Character description and monologue: The Highwayman – Bess (2 weeks) Setting description and narrative: Alternative ending – Holes (3 weeks) SATS assessments	Narrative: Events from an alternative perspective – Farthing (2 weeks) Biography – Science – The life and work of Charles Darwin (2 weeks) SATS week	Personal recount: Diary entry – Boy from the 17 th Floor (2 weeks) Transition reading and writing project with Comberton Village College (2 weeks) KS2 Production: Learning scripts and performances to an audience (2 weeks)
Cross curricular writing	Explanation: How does the circulatory system work? (2 Weeks)		Essay – Geog/Hist – Why might people have chosen to immigrate from the Caribbean to the UK? (2 weeks)		Non-chronological report – Science - The Galapagos Flying Lizard (2 weeks)	
Reading	- Book – Pig Heart Boy - Interview – A day in the life of a cardiologist - Poetry – Night Mail - Biography – Ruby Bridges (Black History Month)	- Book – Oh Maya Gods - Poetry – Diwali Dreams - Advert – Visit Chichen Itza - NCR – The Maya - Narrative – A Christmas Carol: Marley's Ghost	- Poetry – On the Move - Book – All Aboard the Empire Windrush - NCR - Imports and Exports of the UK - NCR – Migration to the UK	- Book - Holes - Biography – K. Ferrers - NCR - The UK court system - Classic – The Railway Children	- Book – Darwin's Dragons - Newspaper – New species on Galapagos! - NCR – Desert biomes - Playscript – Hamlet - Poetry – My Shadow	- Book – The Boy in the Tower - Classic Lit - Treasure Island - Biography – Bear Grylls - NCR – AI - Playscript - Macbeth

Maths	Number and Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Multiplication and Division Fractions and Decimals	Decimals and Percentages Ratio and Proportion Algebra	Measurements Geometry Statistics	Project work – Creating a house - Geometry, ratio & proportion and measurements	Transition Maths project with CVC (3 weeks) Fiver challenge – Entrepreneurial project (3 weeks)
Science - Grammarsaurus	Animals including humans (7 lessons)	Light (7 lessons)	Living things and their habitats (9 lessons)		Evolution and inheritance (7 lessons)	Electricity (6 lessons)
Computing – Teach computing	Computing systems and networks – Communication and collaboration	Creating media - Web page creation	Programming A – Variables in games	Data and information – Introduction to spreadsheets	Creating media - 3D Modelling	Programming B– Sensing movement
Geography	Geography Fieldwork - Sustainability How can our school reduce its plastic waste?		Migration Economic activity in the UK		Biomes	
History - Grammarsaurus		Non-European society: Mayan civilisation (12 hours)		British History: Crime and Punishment (12 hours)		Non-European society: Shang Dynasty (12 hours)
Art & Design- Grammarsaurus	Monochromatic – What mistakes can artists make when drawing faces? (8 hours)		Sculpture – How can food help inspire artists? (8 hours)		Chromatic – Can art help save the planet? (8 hours)	
D&T- Grammarsaurus		Food and Nutrition – Central America on a plate – How can we cook a dish that celebrates its cultural flavours? (8 hours)		Textiles – Design and make a pencil case		Construction and Mechanics – How can we combine electricity and design? Light up towers (8 hours)
Music – Kapow	Dynamics, pitch and texture	Baroque	Themes and variation		Film music	Leavers' song

PE – Cambridgeshire PE	Gymnastics: Body symmetry Fitness: Circuits	Invasion games: Tag rugby Dance: Mexican	OAA: Archery & team building Gymnastics: Group work	Dance: Zumba Games: Hockey	Athletics: Decathlon Games: Tennis	Athletics Games: Rounders
PSHE – PSHE association	Mental health and wellbeing	Managing money and online spending	Drug education: assessing risk and managing influence	Developing our understanding of AI	Looking to the future	Changes in puberty (and sex education)
RE – Cambridgeshire RE	What does it mean to be a Buddhist?		What does Christianity look like in other parts of the world?		What are the different views on how our world began?	
Spanish – Rachel Hawkes	Verde: Describing me and others	Verde: Saying what I and others have	Verde: Saying what I and others do – Customs and traditions	Verde: Saying where you are going and what there is there	Verde: Saying what activities I and others do – Cities and Festivals	Verde: Expressing likes and actions
Themed Days/Weeks	Black History Month 1 – 31 st October 2026 Theme: Honouring our communities Christmas card artwork (1 day)	Anti-Bullying week 16 – 20 th November 2026 Theme: Break the Silence	Children’s Mental Health Week 1 – 7 th February 2027 Theme: TBC January 2027 - Public speaking competition – ‘In school’ event, followed by CB23 event.	World Book Day 4 th March 2027 Theme: TBC British Science (STEM) Week 5-14 th March 2027 Theme: TBC	Walk to School Week 19 – 23 rd May 2027 Theme: TBC HSBC Smart Money Workshops 21 – 26 th April 2027 Theme: TBC	National School Sports Week 15 – 22 nd June 2027 Theme: TBC
Year 6 Caldecote Character Education	Vote in a school election	Send an email to an official body	Apply and commit to a job in school and at home	Plan and go on a visit to a place in Cambridge	Keep a diary for a week	Design a product or business idea and pitch it to get it chosen for the £5 Challenge
Educational trip, event and visitor			Young Voices and Swimming (Catch up sessions)	Kettle’s Yard	Residential – Frontier Centre Rock UK <i>Visitor in to share views on Humanism</i>	£5 Challenge