



Thomas Whitehead Academy
Curriculum Map for 2025-2026 Class: Year 5

'Let your light shine'

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| Topic | Off with her Head! | | Sow, Grow and Farm | | Ground Breaking Greeks | |
| English <i>(Talk 4 Writing)</i> | <p>Fiction Focus – creating atmosphere, using a range of short and complex sentences, adverbs, adverbial phrases.</p> | <p>Discussion Do Elves exist? To write a interesting discussion text that provides all sides of an argument.</p> <p>Poetry Cinquains* Personification, verses, metaphor, repetition, theme, context, anthropomorphism.</p> | <p>Explanation/ Discussion To write a newspaper article on British farming crisis Balanced argument on whether people should eat meat</p> <p>Poetry Focus: playing with prepositions, abstract nouns, alliteration and similes to write a surreal poem.</p> | <p>Fiction To write an action scene from a myth.</p> <p>Children will write an action 'combat' scene between a hero and a mythical creature.</p> | <p>Report Children will write their own non-chronological report about Blue Whales.</p> | <p>Persuasion Children will write a persuasive speech titled Save the Whale</p> <p>Poetry Write a poem based upon environment / endangered animals / recycle etc.</p> |
| Maths <i>(Herts Essentials)</i> | <p>Place Value Rounding of Large Numbers Interpret Negative Numbers Multiply and Divide by 10, 100 and 1,000 Multiples Factors and Common Factors Prime and Composite Numbers Add and Subtract Formal Written Method for Multiplication Formal Written Method of Short Division Equivalent Compare and Order Fractions Adding and Subtracting Fractions</p> | | <p>Problem Solving – All Four Operations Multiply Fractions by Whole Numbers Fraction Measure – Converting Units of Measure Week Area Volume and Capacity Percentages Problem Solving 3-D Shapes from 2-D Representations Reflection and Translation Perimeter Estimate, Compare, Measure and Draw Angles Identify Unknown Angles</p> | | <p>Formal Methods for Division and Multiplication in Increasingly Complex Problems Strategies for Multiplication and Division (Mental and Written) Solving Problems involving Scaling by Simple Fractions Conversion of Imperial and Metric Units Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Problem Reading Timetables and Calculating with Time Solve Problems involving the Four Operations Distinguish between Regular and Irregular Polygons Use Properties of Rectangles Statistics – Solve Comparison, Sum and Difference Problems using Information in a Line Graph Week Statistics – Interpreting and Evaluating Information Presented in Charts and Tables Roman Numerals</p> | |

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| Science <i>(Cornerstones)</i> | Forces and Mechanisms This project teaches children about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects. | Earth and Space This project teaches children about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies | Properties and Changes of Materials This project teaches children about the wider properties of materials and their uses. They learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. | | Human Reproduction and Ageing This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. | |
| Computing <i>(Purple Mash)</i> | Coding | Online Safety | Game Creator | Spreadsheets Modelling - Day unit | Word processing | Mico bits |
| History <i>(Cornerstones)</i> | Off with her Head! Project explores the Tudor Period with a deep study of Henry VIII and Ann Boleyn Explores everyday life during the Tudor reign | | | | Groundbreaking Greeks This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece. | |
| Geography <i>(Cornerstones)</i> | Investigating Our World This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about locating map features using a range of methods. They learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes. | | Sow, Grow and Farm This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas. | | | |
| Art <i>(Cornerstones)</i> | Tints, Tones and Shades This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. | | Line, Light and Shadows This project teaches children about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. | | Expression This project teaches children about the Expressionist art movement and the 'Father of Expressionism', Edvard Munch. | |
| DT <i>(Cornerstones)</i> | Moving Mechanisms This project teaches children about pneumatic systems. | | Eat the Seasons This project teaches children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques. | | Architecture This project teaches children about how architectural style and technology has developed over time. | |
| Music | Composition notation (Theme: Ancient Egypt) | Blues | South and West Africa | Instrumental Scheme – India | Looping and remixing | Musical theatre |

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| PE | Tennis Tag Rugby | Hockey Street Dance | Football Gym Sequences | Basketball/Netball Fitness Frenzy | Cricket Outdoor Adventure Activities | Athletics Swimming |
| RE | What does it mean if Christians believe God is 'holy and loving'? | What matters most to Humanists and Christians? | How and why do some people inspire others? | How do Christians decide how to live? What would Jesus do? | What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people? | Why do some people believe in God and some people not? |
| MFL <i>(Language Angels - Spanish)</i> | Phonetics Seasons Ice creams | | Presenting myself My family | | At the tea room At the café At the restaurant My home | |
| PSHE <i>(Jigsaw)</i> | Being Me | Celebrating Difference | Dreams and Goals | Healthy Me | Relationships | Changing Me |
| Curriculum Enrichment | Tudor museum Tudor banquet Dig in the sand for artefacts | | Take part in growing with gardening school club Use kitchen equipment to prepare food Cook food and use a hob Map reading, treasure hunt Young Voices | | Using Maps Making an ancient Greek temple Using the ancient Greek alphabet Drawing Ancient Greek gods VR Workshop | |