



Grimsdyke School

Long Term Curriculum Overview (2025 – 2026)

Year 5



	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Topic/Theme	The Victorians		Stronger Together		The Ancient Greeks	
English: Whole class reading and text focus	<p style="text-align: center;">Main Text: Street Child by Berlie Doherty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jamie Drake equation by Christopher Edge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shorter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oliver twist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The British by Benjamin Zephaniah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mystery Stories</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas related- A Christmas Carol</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Main Text: Journey to Jo’Burg by Beverley Naidoo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Curse of the Maya by Johnny Pearce & Andy Loneragan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Aztecs Tales</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Explorer by Katherine Rundell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Shaman’s Apprentice by Lynne Cherry & Mark Plotkin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middleworld by J&P Voelkel</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Main Text: Greek Myths (Various)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton, Daniel Morden and Christina Balit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Odyssey by Gillian Cross</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time Travel Diaries: Adventure in Athens by Caroline Lawrence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beasts of Olympus – Lucy Coats</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leo and the Gorgon’s Curse – Joe Todd Stanton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mission to Marathon – Geoffrey Trease</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Story of Antigone – Ali Smith</p>	
English: Writing focus and text types	Character and Setting descriptions Letter Writing Non-chronological reports	Poetry Mystery stories Newspaper articles Instruction writing	Descriptive writing- setting and character Letter writing Diary entries	Adverts Persuasive writing Writing a balanced argument	Non-chronological report Newspaper articles	Writing a play script Writing a Greek myth



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Maths	Number- place value, addition and subtraction	Number- Multiplication and division	Number- multiplication and division Fractions	Decimals and percentages Perimeter and Area Statistics	Decimals Geometry- properties of shape/position and direction	Negative number Measurement- conversion Volume
Science	The Properties and Changes of Materials	Forces	Earth and Space	Earth and Space	Living Things and their Habitats	Animals (Including Humans)
Computing	Computing systems and networks - Systems and searching	Creating media - Video production	Data and information – Flat-file databases	Creating media – Introduction to vector graphics	Programming A – Selection in physical computing	Programming B – Selection in quizzes
History	Victorian Britain	Untold Victorians	South American civilisations – Maya	South American civilisations - Inca and Aztecs	Ancient Greece	
Geography	Plate tectonics, Mountains and Earthquakes.		Rivers		Europe and Greece	
P.E.	Gymnastics Football	Netball (competitive and team sport)	OAA Dance	Tennis	Rounders	Athletics
PSHCE (Jigsaw)	Being me in my world	Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships (SRE) – following Grimsdyke SRE curriculum	Changing Me (SRE) – following Grimsdyke SRE curriculum
Art and Design	Design and Making William Morris designs and prints	Design and making William Morris designs and prints Portraits big and small - stamp design and grid portraits	Aztec and Mayan art: Layering and printing Cultural inspirations: Tie Dye/African patterns and design	Aztec Chocolate Bars Designing and making a chocolate bar / wrapper	Drawing, Making, Colour Techniques (Surrealism, pointillism, collage) Paula Nicho Cumez Yayoi Kusama	Architecture & Making Greek architecture, culture and art Parrhasius
Design and Technology	Moving Mechanisms Making bridges		Aztec 'Sun God' sewing		Ancient Greek feast (Mediterranean diet and ingredients)	Greek pots – clay work Textiles: Greek chiton



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Music	Bamboo Tamboo Pulse and Rhythm	Gospel Music Singing and Performance	Space	History of Music	Rap Music Create and Sing project	Ternary form Composition Project
			Harrow Music Service: African Drumming Programme African songs	Harrow Music Service: African Drumming Programme African songs		
R.E	Do all actions have a consequence? Buddhism and Jainism B/F	Is it better to give than to receive? Christianity and Islam C/F	Why did a Chief Rabbi say – “Religion is about the why of creation, science is about the how.”? Judaism & Humanism A/E	How did the teachings of Guru Nanak influence the teachings of Guru Gobind Singh? Sikhism A/E	Could the Lord’s Prayer be universal? Christianity C/D	How do faiths define themselves? Baha’i C/D
MFL: French	La date (The date)	Chez moi (My home)	As-tu un animal? (Do you have a pet?)	Quel temps fait-il? (What is the weather?)	Les Jeux Olympiques (The Olympic Games)	Les habitats (Habitats)
Curriculum enrichment	Primary maths challenge Gunnersbury Park Visit	Christmas Fair St Anselm’s Christmas church service Victorian school theme day and learning about Victorian Christmas Harrow Arts Centre Pantomime	Aztec/Maya/Inca Day- Chocolate making	Crew Theatre- Space Word book day Whipsnade Zoo visit	Crew Theatre- Ancient Greeks	Year 5 summer production Grimsdyke Summer Carnival