

Long-Term Topic Overview with Enquiry Questions: 2026-2027

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
	Term 1 6 weeks and 3 days	Term 2 7 weeks	Term 3 5 weeks and 4 days	Term 4 4 weeks and 4 days	Term 5 5 weeks and 4 days	Term 6 8 weeks
Year R	People and Places <i>Who helps us and how do they keep us happy and safe?</i>	Autumn and Winter Celebrations <i>How do we celebrate special times in autumn and winter?</i>	Snow and Ice <i>What is it like to live in the coldest places on Earth?</i>	Pets and Animals <i>What do the animals in our care need to be happy and healthy?</i>	Growing <i>How do plants and animals change as they grow?</i>	Water, Water Everywhere <i>How can we look after rivers, seas and oceans and the animals that live in them?</i>
Year 1	Childhood and Community <i>Where do I belong and how is my childhood different to my parents and grandparents?</i>	Winter Woodland <i>What makes a woodland a good place for animals to live?</i>	Explorers <i>How have explorers changed our understanding of the world?</i>	Home or Away <i>How is life in Kenya different to life in Desborough?</i>	Wonderful Weather <i>How does the weather change during the year?</i>	Castles <i>Why did the Normans build so many castles?</i>
Year 2	Our Local Area <i>How has land use changed in Desborough?</i>	The Gunpowder Plot <i>Who was Guy Fawkes and was he a hero or a villain?</i>	The Great Fire of London <i>Why is the Great Fire of London an important event in British History?</i>		India <i>How do the geographical features of our local town compare to Chembakolli, India?</i>	Let's Go on Holiday <i>Why do people visit the seaside and how has it changed over time?</i>
Year 3	Bears <i>What is Paddington's home in Peru like?</i>	What a Waste! <i>What impact do we have on our planet?</i>	The Vikings <i>Why did the Vikings invade and settle in the UK?</i>	Angry Earth <i>What causes volcanoes and earthquakes?</i>	Ancient Greece <i>(including modern Greece study)</i> <i>What lasting impact did the Ancient Greeks have on our lives today? How does Greece's location and natural resources affect what is grown and sold?</i>	
Year 4	Ancient Egypt <i>What did Ancient Egyptians believe about the afterlife?</i>	Predator and Prey <i>Why are birds of prey such effective predators?</i>	The Victorians <i>How did people's lives change during the Victorian era?</i>		Rainforests <i>Why is the preservation of the Rainforest vital to human existence?</i>	
Year 5	Coasts and Rivers <i>How do coasts and rivers shape the way we live?</i>	The Tudors <i>Why did Henry VIII have six wives?</i>	Space <i>How has our understanding of Space changed over time?</i>	North America <i>How have the physical features of North America affected people's lives?</i>	World War Two <i>Why was Britain able to stand firm against the German threat?</i>	World War Two <i>What was life in Desborough like during WWII?</i>
Year 6	The UK: Our Island Home <i>How do the geographical features of our local area compare to other regions of the UK?</i>	The Romans <i>What lasting impact did the Romans have on Britain?</i>	Survival <i>How do people survive in the world's most extreme environments?</i>		The Mayans <i>What made the Mayan civilization so advanced for their time and how do we know about them today?</i>	The 1960s <i>How did the 1960s change our lives today?</i>