

Long-Term Topic Overview with Enquiry Questions: 2025-2026

	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	<p>People and Places</p> <p><i>Who helps us and how do they keep us happy and safe?</i></p>	<p>Autumn and Winter Celebrations</p> <p><i>How do we celebrate special times in autumn and winter?</i></p>	<p>Snow and Ice</p> <p><i>What is it like to live in the coldest places on Earth?</i></p>	<p>Pets and Animals</p> <p><i>What do the animals in our care need to be happy and healthy?</i></p>	<p>Growing</p> <p><i>How do plants and animals change as they grow?</i></p>	<p>Water, Water Everywhere</p> <p><i>How can we look after rivers, seas and oceans and the animals that live in them?</i></p>
Year 1	<p>Toys</p> <p><i>How have toys changed over time?</i></p>	<p>Winter Woodland</p> <p><i>What makes a woodland a good place for animals to live?</i></p>	<p>Explorers</p> <p><i>How have explorers changed our understanding of the world?</i></p>	<p>Home or Away</p> <p><i>How is life in Kenya different to life in Desborough?</i></p>	<p>Wonderful Weather</p> <p><i>How does the weather change during the year?</i></p>	<p>Castles</p> <p><i>Why did the Normans build so many castles?</i></p>
Year 2	<p>Our Local Area</p> <p><i>How has land use changed in Desborough?</i></p>	<p>The Gunpowder Plot</p> <p><i>Who was Guy Fawkes and was he a hero or a villain?</i></p>	<p>The Great Fire of London</p> <p><i>Why is the Great Fire of London an important event in British History?</i></p>		<p>India</p> <p><i>How do the geographical features of our local town compare to Chembakolli, India?</i></p>	<p>Let's Go on Holiday</p> <p><i>Why do people visit the seaside and how has it changed over time?</i></p>
Year 3	<p>Bears</p> <p><i>What is Paddington's home in Peru like?</i></p>	<p>What a Waste!</p> <p><i>What impact do we have on our planet?</i></p>	<p>The Vikings</p> <p><i>Why did the Vikings invade and settle in the UK?</i></p>	<p>Angry Earth</p> <p><i>What causes volcanoes and earthquakes?</i></p>	<p>Ancient Greece <i>(including modern Greece study)</i></p> <p><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></p>	
Year 4	<p>Ancient Egypt</p> <p><i>How can we discover what Ancient Egypt was like over 5,000 years ago?</i></p>	<p>Predator and Prey</p> <p><i>Why are birds of prey such effective predators?</i></p>	<p>The Victorians</p> <p><i>How did people's lives change during the Victorian era?</i></p>		<p>Rainforests</p> <p><i>Why is the preservation of the Rainforest vital to human existence?</i></p>	
Year 5	<p>Coasts and Rivers</p> <p><i>How do coasts and rivers shape the way we live?</i></p>	<p>The Tudors</p> <p><i>Why did Henry VIII have six wives?</i></p>	<p>Space</p> <p><i>How has our understanding of Space changed over time?</i></p>	<p>North America</p> <p><i>How have the physical features of North America affected people's lives?</i></p>	<p>World War Two</p> <p><i>Why was Britain able to stand firm against the German threat?</i></p>	<p>World War Two</p> <p><i>What was life like in Desborough during WWII?</i></p>
Year 6	<p>The UK: Our Island Home</p> <p><i>How do the geographical features of our local area compare to other regions of the UK?</i></p>	<p>The Romans</p> <p><i>What lasting impact did the Romans have on Britain?</i></p>	<p>Survival</p> <p><i>How do people survive in the world's most extreme environments?</i></p>		<p>The Mayans</p> <p><i>What made the Mayan civilization so advanced for their time and how do we know about them today?</i></p>	<p>The 1960s</p> <p><i>How did the 1960s change our lives today?</i></p>