



Westacre Middle School Curriculum Overview 2025/26



	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 5	<u>Explorers</u> Science – Safety in the Lab, Forces, Earth & Space. Geography – Map symbols. Creating contours, locating South and Central America History - using historical sources to answer key questions relating to the Maya and explorers. Computing - introduction to online safety, word-processing and other basic skills, creating media- video production. DT – Creating a Mayan inspired design. Food tasting Art – Exploring colour. PE- Cross Country, Netball, Hockey, Gymnastics, Dance, Swimming MFL – Classroom commands, Greetings, Alphabet, Numbers, Dates & Birthdays R & W - What does it mean if Christians believe that God is holy? How do Christians decide how to live? What would Jesus do? PSHE – Being safe in school, Introducing the 6Rs & Living Values: Belonging, Friendship, Tolerance & Mutual Respect, Resolving conflict Music – Learning to read musical notation. Practise, rehearse and perform on the recorder.	<u>Detectives</u> Science – Using evidence to explore properties and changes of materials. History – Examining evidence to find out about Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons – Anglo-Saxons invasions, settlements and kingdoms, names and places, art and culture Geography – plotting journeys of invaders and locational knowledge and origins Art –Study of Anglo-Saxon design and printing DT – Anglo-Saxon Food. PE – Dance, Gymnastics, Swimming, Handball Computing – systems and searching, Spheros, online safety MFL- All about me and my family PSHE – Screen time, age-restrictions, fake news, success & achievements, courtesy and manners, change and grief, environment R & W - What do Christians believe that Jesus did to save people? Easter-salvation. Why do Hindus want to be good? Music – BBC Ten pieces and appraising a composition	<u>Engineers</u> Science – Life Cycles and changes as we grow old - animals and plants, puberty - personal hygiene and growing up. Geography – Local study of Droitwich canals, map & field work. DT – designing and creating a CAM toy out of wood. PE- Outdoor Adventure, athletics, cricket, rounders Computing – vector drawings and Scratch, online safety MFL- School related vocabulary History - How canals were used in the past. Art – water art, work of David Hockney and representations of water from various cultures and artists R & W - What matters most to Humanists and Christians? What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? PSHE - RSE & Community. Living Values. Transition. Music - Play and perform using body percussion.
Year 6	<u>Ancient Greeks</u> Science: Lab Safety / Investigative skills / Light / Electricity History: Ancient Greece Geography: Location and climate of Greece Art: Greek Clay Pots DT: Cooking a Greek Dish P.E: Gymnastics / Table Tennis / Dance Fitness / Cross Country / Basketball Computing- online safety / computational thinking: microbit & spreadsheets and data. MFL: Hobbies PSHE – 6Rs & Relationships and Careers R & W : Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people? Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah? Music – Steel Pan Drums	<u>What a wonderful world</u> Science: Evolution and inheritance. Properties & Changing of Materials Geography: Physical and Human Geography around the 7 Wonders of the World History: Ancient Wonders of the World DT: Sewing – pattern pieces / clothing with MFL link / designs based on Kusama to make a t-shirt/bag Art: Around the world in 4 artists: Warhol, Kusama, Banksy and Mahlangu. P.E: Hockey / Dance: Lion King / Sportshall Athletics / Tag Rugby Computing – online safety / Responsible use of ICT / woodclap (teams/forms) / How networks works MFL: Weather and clothing R & W: Why do some people believe in god and some not? Creation and science – conflict or complimentary? PSHE: Individual liberty / Taxes / Budgeting / Enterprises / Democracy / Topical Issues / Peer pressure / keeping safe / what negatively and positively affects our health Music: Listening, from the Model Music Curriculum, using keyboards and notation for own compositions.	<u>Survival</u> Science: Animals including Humans and RSHE Geography: Fieldwork including mapping skills History: How people survived during periods of time. DT: CAD for design focus on different ways to design and annotate – link to geography – personal safety alarm Art – perspective sketching P.E: Athletics / Football / OAA / Cricket / Tennis Computing- App planning / Tinkercad MFL: culture & food PSHE: RSHE & Community R & W: What kind of king is Jesus? How does faith help people when life gets hard? Music: Hans Zimmer: Earth
Year 7	<u>Conflict</u> Science: Lab safety, Forensics-Investigative skills- fingerprinting and identifying hazard symbols, chromatography, distillation and other separation techniques. States of matter. History: Historical Interpretation / Battle of Hastings / Civil War / WW1 Geography: Europe and impact of War. Art: History of art and art in context / Artists study: Grayson Perry / Creative thinking and thinking like the artist. / Techniques: drawing skills & pencil sketching. DT: Trebuchet / catapult research, design and manufacture. PE: Sports Leaders/ Football and Fitness/ Cross country / Hockey / Tag Rugby / Fitness / Gymnastics Computing: E Safety / Protocols / Computer networks / How the WWW works MFL: parts of the body / The French revolution PSHE- Recapping 6Rs / Careers R&W- What is so radical about Jesus? How can people express their spirituality through art?	<u>Humanity v Nature</u> Science- States of matter / distillation / acids and alkalis Geography- Structure of the earth, formation of volcanoes, historical and modern case studies of mountains. Human geography and its effects on Worcester, developing issues with flooding and change of use in old buildings History – investigate primary and secondary sources Art: Landscape artists through history / Contrasting landscapes DT: 10x Enterprise Project PE: Netball / Football / Basketball / Dance / Gymnastics Computing: Canva / Spreadsheets / collecting data MFL: Towns and directions / Developing a children's story PSHE- Money / Body Image / Drugs R&W- Should Christians be greener than everyone else?	<u>Rise and Fall</u> Science: RSHE and cells. Geography: expansion and decline of the British empire. History: British Empire's main leaders Art: Printmaking inspired by William Morris DT: Cooking / healthy living Computing – programming skills / blogging MFL: Travel / Space PSHE- Body Image, RSHE and Healthy Living R&W- Why is there suffering in the world? Should happiness be the purpose of life?