



Topic Planner - Year 5 - Spring Term 2026

English

Key text- 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna
Human rights dealing with conflicts,
immigration, compassion, independence and courage.

- Poetry in a range of forms
- Persuasive letter

Key text- 'Windrush and the Commonwealth' by Shalu Vallepur

What is the text about?

Migration to the UK following WW2 and the impact it had on people's lives

- Balanced argument
- Diary Entry

Other English focuses:

- Spelling strategies, rules and patterns
- Handwriting
- Making meaning from illustration and text
- Developing reading skills of predicting, retrieval, summarising and inference
- Exploring vocabulary

Maths

- Reviewing the formal written methods of short multiplication (to multiply 4 digits by 1 digit) and long multiplication (to multiply 4 digits by 2 digits)
- Using the formal written method of short division to divide 4 digits by 1 digit
- Understanding remainders within division
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Identifying and naming equivalent fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Multiplying fractions by whole numbers
- Identifying 3d shapes
- Identifying, drawing and measuring angles.

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Settlements - why do people move?

Geography

Knowledge and skills:

- Map skills - Locating UK and Worldwide countries using atlas.
- Understand the reasons for different ethnic groups to live/move to the UK.
- Describe reasons for people to settle in Crawley.
- Understand the use of symbols and keys to identify physical and human features on a map.
- Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure figure grid references.
- Understand why people seek refuge and risk their lives.
- Look at the demographic of Crawley.

RE

Why do people make pilgrimages? (Spring 1)

What are the important milestones in the journey of life? (Spring 2)

Spanish -

Greetings and my family

Outdoor Learning Opportunities

Excursion to Crawley and exploring the High Street for project research

PSHCE

Anti-racism (Spring 1)
Puberty (Spring 2)

DT - Cooking

- What are traditional dishes from different cultures and how have these been adapted for the British palate?
- Cooking and designing a pasty
- Understanding what a balanced diet is.
- Altering a recipe to suit the needs of the customer

PE

- Football (Spring 1)
- Cricket (Spring 1)
- Lacrosse (Spring 2)
- Gymnastics (Spring 2)

Computing

- Scratch quizzes (Spring 1)
- Video editing (Spring 2)

Science -

Properties and changes of Materials- Spring 1

- Irreversible and reversible changes
- Filtering and dissolving

Life Cycles - Spring 2

- Life cycles of mammals, amphibians, birds and insects