Five Spires Academy - Long Term Planning 2026-2027

Year 2	AUTUMN 1 School Days	AUTUMN 2 Location, Location	SPRING 1 Up, Up and Away!	SPRING 2 Our Wonderful World	SUMMER 1 Fit for a Royal?	SUMMER 2 Coastal Adventures
ENGLISH	**Thematic Texts:** • *The Day the Crayons Quit* – Drew Daywalt • *Claude in the City* – Alex T. Smith • *Schools Then and Now* – DK (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills	**Thematic Texts:** • *Handa's Surprise* – Eileen Browne • *Lila and the Secret of Rain* – David Conway • *Hot and Cold Countries* – DK (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills	**Thematic Texts:** • *Rosie Revere, Engineer* – Andrea Beaty • *The Way Back Home* – Oliver Jeffers • *Planes* - Usborne • *Planes Have Wings* – Chris Maynard (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills	**Thematic Texts:** • *The Great Kapok Tree* – Lynne Cherry • *Flotsam* – David Wiesner • *Oceans of Wonder* – Anna Smithers • *Our World* – DK (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills	**Thematic Texts:** • *The Boy Who Would Be King* – • *The King's Pants* – Nicholas Allan • *The Queen on our Corner* – Lucy Christopher • *Our Royals* (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills	**Thematic Texts:** • *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* – Ronda & David Armitage • *The Secrets of Black Rock* – Joe Todd-Stanton • *Seashore* – DK (non-fiction) • *Looking after our Ocean* – Rose Hall (non-fiction) **Writing Focus:** Writing Curriculum & Foundational Skills
MATHS	**Place value, Addition and Subtraction within 10**		**Shape, Multiplication and Division, Mass, Capacity and Temperature**		**Fractions, Time, Money, Statistics, Length and Height, Position and Direction**	
SCIENCE	**Living things:** Habitats	**Living things:** Microhabitats	**Materials:** Uses of everyday materials	**Animals, including humans**: Life cycles and health	**Plants:** Plant growth	**Making connections:** Plant-based materials
HISTORY	How was school different in the past?		How did we learn to fly?		What is a monarch?	
GEOGRAPHY		**Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?** Pupils explore hot & cold places around the world, comparing climates such as the UK & Kenya, while using fieldwork on the school grounds in Lichfield to observe weather & develop map skills.		**Why is our world wonderful?** Pupils explore natural & human features of the world, using fieldwork in the school grounds & local habitats in Lichfield to develop mapping skills & understand how environments can be protected.		**What is it like to live by the coast?** Pupils explore coastal environments in the UK, using fieldwork in the local area around Lichfield and possible coastal visits to compare places and understand how coasts are used and cared for.
ART	**Drawing: Understanding tone & Texture - How can we explore drawing techniques with different materials?** Pupils explore tone and texture through observational drawing inspired by Käthe Kollwitz (German), Max Ernst (German) and Sari Dienes (Hungarian-American).		**Painting and mixed media:** Colour mixing (5 lessons)		**Sculpture & 3D: Clay Houses - How can we explore clay using our hands?** Pupils explore 3D clay techniques inspired by Rachel Whiteread (British) and Ranti Bam (British-Nigerian).	
D&T		Mechanisms: Levers		Cooking & Nutrition: Balanced Diet		Structures: A Chair for A Bear!
MUSIC	**Recorder Skills and Basic Notation**		**Ensemble Performance and Composition**		**Musical Understanding and Performance**	
PE	Coach: Games 1 Teacher: Gymnastics 1	Coach: Games 2 Teacher: Dance 1	Coach: Games 3 Teacher: Gymnastics 2	Coach: Games 4 Teacher: Dance 2	Coach: Athletics Teacher: Gymnastics 3	Coach: Games 5 Teacher: Dance 3
RSE & PSHE	My healthy self: How can we look after our bodies?	Connecting with others: How can I build safe, kind and caring relationships with others?	The online world: How can we stay safe online?	Coming 21 September 2026	My healthy self: How can we look after our bodies?	Connecting with others: How can I build safe, kind and caring relationships with others?
RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS	**Why do we need to give thanks?** Exploring gratitude practices in Hinduism (puja) and other traditions.	**Why is light important to people?** Understanding light in Christianity (Advent) and Judaism (Hanukkah).	**How do we know some people feel a special connection to a god?** Exploring significant figures in Christianity and other religions.	**What is a prophet?** Investigating prophets in Islam, Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism. Summer 1:	**How do some people talk to God?** Exploring prayer in Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. Summer 2:	**Where do some people talk to God?** Understanding places of worship in Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism.
COMPUTING	Route Explorers The Internet	Creating Pictures	Spreadsheets	Questioning Effective Searching	Coding	Presenting Ideas Making Music