

Highbury Primary Curriculum and Literacy Overview – 2024 – 2025

Reception	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Theme Title	All about me	Celebrations	Amazing Animals	Traditional Tales	Our Wonderful World	Fun at the Seaside
Class texts Over and over books (See list)	The family book The colour monster goes to school Starting School The invisible string	Christmas story/ Nativity Rama and Sita Bonfire Night Non-fiction Diwali Non-fiction Let's celebrate We all celebrate	Rumble in the Jungle Frog life cycle fact book The rainbow fish Dear zoo Ed's egg What the ladybird heard The bugliest bug Non-fiction texts - Pets	Jack and the beanstalk Goldilocks Three little pigs Little red riding hood Ginger bread man We're going on an Easter egg hunt	Lost and Found Whatever Next Here we are Paddington London Non-fiction Handa's Surprise	World atlas The pirate next door The singing mermaid Lighthouse Keepers Lunch Brilliant Boats Beaches - Non-fiction
Hook	Autumn trail, visits - people who help us, harvest festival	Nativity, bonfire night, Christmas, Diwali, rangoli patterns, immersive environments Dress up - Special occasion	Animal art, farm, zoo, visits from animals, living eggs, butterfly gardens, tadpoles, pet week, minibests	Egg hunt Making clay houses - 3 little pigs Re-telling stories in woods Easter nests	Fruit tasting Tuff trays Freezing bears - Ice Construction space rocket	Visit the beach, under the sea songs, pirate day, ice creams, dress-up Class Assembly Sports Day
Writing focus	Mark making opportunities Name writing	Letters to Santa Wedding invitations Recipe for cupcakes	Lifecycles of animals Egg observations Minibeast labelling	Caption writing for characters Lists / Labelling for houses	Descriptive writing Labelling, captions and sentences	Transition Writing Wanted Poster Independent writing (Children's interests) Descriptive writing Labelling
Understanding of the World (Geography /History/ Science)	Changes in our lives Community - People who help us Baby photos Talking about families	Similarities and differences - What celebrations are there? Diwali, Remembrance, Birthdays, Weddings/Christenings, Winter - Concept Cartoon Snowman (Science) , Christmas & Hanukkah	Life cycles Habitats Chinese New Year - Food tasting	Easter Growing beans Concept Cartoons - Upside down Seeds (Science)	Fruit tasting (Handa's surprise) Our community (Google Maps), Antarctica, jungle, London, Africa, Space African dancing / instruments	Similarities and differences - Now and then Local beaches / Coastlines Beach school trip Dockyards Holiday destinations Concept Cartoons - The Sailing Boat (Science)
Expressive Arts and Design (Art / DT)	Nursery rhymes Self / Family portraits Small world play Autumn crafts Harvest songs	Rangoli patterns Christmas decorations Poppies Wedding invitations Role-play wedding / christening Decorating cupcakes	Animal crafts Junk modelling Oil pastel pictures 3D models	Egg Basket Designing houses - Clay Decorating gingerbread men Stick puppets Construction - Beanstalks Beanstalk art work	Junk Modelling Numicon skylines (London) Role-play	Design and make boats Dress-up day Make own passports Holiday brochures Seaside Art
Personal Social, Emotional Development (R.E / PSHE)	Belonging Family groups, community, school, class Looking after self (Self-Regulation)	Celebrating Birthdays Jesus' Birth Nativity story Self-Regulation / Emotions	Symbol of New Life Eggs as a sign of new life Self-Regulation / My happy Mind	Showing independence - Getting resources, going to toilet independently Self-Regulation / My happy Mind	Special Clothes Self-Regulation / My happy Mind	Transition Special Places Self-Regulation / My happy Mind

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Theme Title	What changes do you notice?	What is diversity?	What can we do to stay healthy?	Where are you going to?	What makes a community?	How can we stay safe near water?
Class Text for Writing	Here we are The Lion Inside Monkey Puzzle A climate in chaos Somebody swallowed Stanley The Tree Hunters Icy Adventure	Let's celebrate 5 days of Diwali It's ok to be different Look Up! Hair Love Julian is a mermaid What happened to you?	The Busy Body book Ruby's worry Ginger Mcflea will not brush her teeth Ravis Roar I will never not eat a tomato Whiffy Wilson the wolf who wouldn't go to bed	The Gruffalo Paddington Snail and the whale Grandads Island Stick man	The Invisible No money day All through the night I can care for nature	Commotion in the ocean Sharing a shell The Storm Whale Tiddler The lighthouse keeper's lunch Water safety fact book
Enhancement /trips	Marwell	Walk around the local area/ follow a trail in Forest School	Fruit and Vegetable tasting	Alice Holt Country Park Gruffalo hunt	Visit from community member- Mr Shah? Letter to food bank	RNLI Lifeguard visit Visit to the Beach
Science	Animals including humans	Seasons	Animals including humans	Plants	Everyday materials 1	Everyday materials 2
Geography	Human and physical changes - Weather		Locational knowledge and human and physical geography - Continents and hot and cold areas of the world	Skills and fieldwork and Place Knowledge - Study of Cosham including Map work. Alice Holt Map work		
History	N/A	Remembrance	N/A	N/A	Brunel	Grace Darling
Art and Design	Nature pictures and collage	Decorating the Diwali Lamp	N/A	Drawing Gruffalo-toning/shading	N/A	Seurat
Design and Technology		Making Diwali lamp	Design and make a fruit salad	N/A	Pop up cards	N/A
PSHE	Relationships - roles of family and people, care, behaviour affecting others, politeness.	Relationships - recognise privacy, stay safe and permission.	Keeping healthy; food and exercise, hygiene routines	Strengths and interests of self- link to aspirations week	What are rules? Caring for other and looking after the environment Jobs in the community	Rules keep us safe, age restrictions, Why the internet is used sun safety
R.E SMSC	Celebration Harvest	Light as a Symbol Advent/Diwali	Change People Jesus Met	Welcoming Palm Sunday	Creation Christian Hindu Stories	Precious Water-Christian /Hindu
Computing	Technology Around Us	Digital Painting	Digital Writing	Moving a robot	Grouping Data	Application and consolidation of digital skills Programming Animations
Music	Hey You How pulse, rhythm and pitch work together.		In the Groove How to be in the groove with different styles of music.		Your Imagination Using your imagination.	

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Year 2	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (6 weeks) SATs	Summer 1 (5 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Theme Title	Why do stories change over time?	Are all failures bad?	What makes a habitat sustainable?	What can we learn from the past?	What would the world be without plants?	Does change affect us all in the same way?
Class text for writing	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs	Vlad and the Great Fire of London	There's a Rang-Tan in my Room	Samson's Titanic Journey	The Dragon Machine	Ocean Meets the Sky
Destination Reader		The bakers boy and the great fire of London - Tom Bradman	Red alert! Endangered animals.	The Twits	The boy who grew dragons	Ellie and the sea monster
Hook	Fairy-tale dress up day	Burning Models		Titanic dress up day	Planting seeds and bulbs	
Science	Animals Including Humans 1	Everyday Materials	Living things and their habitats		Plants	Animals including Humans 2
Geography	Human and Physical Geography		Place /location knowledge - comparisons			Geographical Skills and Fieldwork
History	N/A	The Great Fire of London	N/A	Titanic	Wangaari Mathia	
Art and Design			Sketching		Nature Sculptures - Andy Goldsworthy	Water colours
Design and Technology	Fairy tale tea party - sandwiches	Junk model houses to burn. Christmas weaving		Titanic moving pictures Levers		
PSHE	Making friends- loneliness and asking for help Similarities and differences; cooperation sharing/ Internet usage	Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies	What money is; needs and wants; looking after money Belonging; roles and responsibilities;	Managing secrets; pressure, getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour	Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy, teeth and feelings	Growing older; naming body parts; moving class or year
R.E SMSC	Bread as a symbol Bread at Harvest	Journeys End Nativity Journey	Remembering Festival of Holi	Happy and Sad The Easter Story	Special Books The Bible	Special Food
Computing	IT Around Us	Programing Quizzes	Robot Algorithms	Pictograms	Digital Music	Digital Photography
Music	Zootime Reggae and animals		Cinderella To learn how songs can tell a story or describe an idea.		I Wanna Play in a Band Playing together in a band	

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Year 3	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (6 weeks)	Summer 1 (5 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Concepts	Discovery	Changes	Diversity	Beliefs	Citizenship/Community	Creativity
Class text for writing	My first dinosaur fact file Instructions/ Fact file on Woolly Mammoths Diary- from Mary Anning/ discovering fossils	How to wash a woolly mammoth Explanations and Facts Files - choice	Letters to Africa Formal letters - Water Aid Persuasive writing - protecting animals (extinction)	Marcie and the Riddle of the Sphinx -Settings, characterisation & Adventure story.	Geography led - Recycling linked to the environment/local area	Jim - Cautionary Tale Instructions - magic potion Poetry
Destination Reader	Dinosaur Diary	Ugg Stone Age Boy	Number 1 Car Spotter	Flat Stanley & the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery.	Journey of a River	George's Marvellous Medicine
Theme Title	What can we learn about something in the past?	What was life like in Stone Age Britain?	How is Africa different to Britain?	Why were the Egyptians Important?	Why are Rivers Important?	What makes the World Marvellous?
Hook	Sand trays and digging for fossils & Workshop	Butser Ancient Farm Forest School -Campfire - soup & cave painting	Egyptian Day / Egyptian Escape Tomb/Southampton Art Gallery - Egyptian art workshop - Clay Canopic jars African Dress up day/ Drumming workshop Visit to the Synagogue - Southsea		Field work - trip River Study	Magic Day - Magician
Science	Rocks and Fossils	Forces and magnets	Animals including humans	Working scientifically	Light	Plants
Geography	World Map - continents & oceans UK Map - countries & Cities Locations - fossils	Mapping/Atlas - Recording where early settlements were on a map of the UK??	River Nile (Place/Location Knowledge) Local coastal study of a river (comparison to Egypt) Geographical Skills and Fieldwork)		GEOGRAPHY FOCUS THEME - RIVERS	
History			Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age		Ancient Egypt	
Art and Design	Dinosaur eyes (sketching skills/designs and pastels) Making trace fossils		African Art -Batik,print, pattern & texture -T-shirts African Masks	N/A	Watercolour - landscapes (linked to Geography theme)	N/A
Design and Technology		Ugg's trousers - materials	N/A	Shaduf - Structure	N/A	Packaging/Design & advertisng - safe potion bottle
PSHE	Relationships Living World Health & Wellbeing		Relationships Living World Health & Wellbeing		Relationships - Friendship and Kindness Living World Health & Wellbeing	
R.E	Belonging	Angels	Covenant	Suffering	Ceremony	Stones as Symbols
SMSC	Belonging in Judaism		The Torah	Easter: The Key Events	Death ceremonies	Stones
Computing	Connecting Computers	Desktop Publishing	Sequencing Sounds	Branching Databases	Stop Frame Animations	Events and Actions in Programming
Music	Three Little Birds Reggae and animals		Glockenspiel Stage 1 Exploring & developing playing skills		Bringing Us Together Disco, friendship, hope and unity	
MFL	I am learning French	Animals	Musical Instruments	Fruits	Ice Cream	I am able to...

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Year 4	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (6 weeks)	Summer 1 (5 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Concepts	Legacy	Innovation	Developments	Belonging	Culture and Diversity	
Class text for writing	Model Texts Tudors NF - Information text Diary model text - servant working at Henry VIII palace or onboard Mary Rose	Operation Gadget man Instructions Setting Description Adventure story - Model text version	All About Romans Non-chron report - Trip Letter (Drama) Choice - Roman soldier, slave, roof builder Diary writing - Romans	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (CS Lewis) Character description Fantasy story	The boy who biked the world part 1, 2 and 3 Our world (facts) Ecosystems	
Destination Reader	The secret diary of Thomas Snoop - Philip Ardagh	Operation Gadgetman	Across the Roman Wall Escape from Pompeii By Christina Balit	Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis	The boy who biked the world part 1, 2 and 3	
Theme Title	Why were the Tudors important?	How do we power the world?	What is the legacy of the Romans?	Should Everyone Be Included?	What is life like for children around the world?	
Hook	Visit Mary Rose	Science at Portsmouth College Secret Spy morning	Fishbourne Roman Palace Roman Day	Narnia	Orienteering Activity	
Science	Sound	Electricity	States of Matter	Animals including humans	Living things and their habitats.	
Geography	Areas of local interest - Tudor Britain	Social development- no electricity	Map Reading - Europe Spread of Roman Empire	Europe mapping <i>Poetry - From around European countries</i>	Compare locality and mapping/Rivers. Exploring different cultures	Compare locality and life in different countries for children.
History	Tudor Britain	N/A	Roman Empire and its impact on Britain	N/A	N/A	Mayan civilisation
Art and Design	N/A	Electricity Sketching	Mosaics	European artists	World art styles and indigenous art	
Design and Technology	Tudor Houses	Circuits - Light up card	N/A	N/A	Food - Around the World	
PSHE	Positive friendships including online responding to hurtful behaviour, managing conflict recognising risk online	How data is shared Medicine and household products, drugs common to everyday life	Keeping safe in different situations, including responding in emergencies, first aid	What make a community shared responsibility Making decisions about money, using and keeping money safe	Recognising differences and similarities, discuss difference sensitively	Maintaining a balanced life style oral hygiene and dental care
R.E SMSC	Remembering Shabbat-Sabbath	Holy Madonna and Child	Freedom Passover-Pesach	Ritual The Paschal Candle	God God Talk	Message Jesus' Teachings and Message
Computing	The Internet	Repetition in Shapes	Data Logging	Photo Editing	Repetition in Games	Audio Production
Music	Mamma Mia ABBA's music		Glockenspiel 2 Exploring & developing playing skills using the glockenspiel		Blackbird The Beatles, equality and civil rights	
MFL	Presenting myself	Family	Romans	Classroom	Weather	At the tea room

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Year 5	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (6 weeks)	Summer 1 (5 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Concepts	Aspiration	Communities working together	Inventions	Revolutions	Migration	Isolation
Class text for writing	Planet fact files Non-chronological report about a planet in our solar system Space Oddity – D Bowie (Song) Create a fictional story for 'Major Tom' - including a backstory and ending to the song's story.	Newspaper Reports Newspaper article about a natural disaster. The Nowhere Emporium Portal Story.	Little Match Girl & Street Child -Character description Wonder - Diary Entry	Street Child - Play Script about Jim's life. Freeze - Suspense Story	The boy at the back of the classroom - Persuasive Letter to the government. The Day the War Came - Biography of a Refugee.	Kensuke's Kingdom - Rescue Story Poetry - Anthology Write a poem All GR Texts - Write a review of favourite text from Year 5/new ending.
Destination Reader	The Jamie Drake Equation	The Nowhere Emporium	Wonder	Freeze	The boy at the back of the classroom	The last bear
Theme Title	What has been discovered about our Solar System?	Extreme weather and how it affects our lives?	Who was Queen Victoria and what was life like under her reign?	How the industrial revolution changed life in Victorian Britain and its impact now?	How does migration have an effect on the world?	How does isolation differ around the world?
Hook	Planetarium Trip. Alien themed day.	Extreme world weather film clips.	Milestones/ Yr 5/6 Residential.	Victorian Day/ Open Box Theatre Visit.	Butser Trip	Year 5 BookAwards/ Blue Reef Trip.
Science	Earth and space	Forces	Properties of Materials	Changes of Materials	Animals including humans	Living things & their habitats.
Geography	N/A - Theme 'Space'	Climate, Weather & Natural Resources.	N/A	Places in the British Empire- human features	Counties, cities and settlements	Map & Atlas skills - latitude/equator. Mapping local P.O.I/Topography (local)
History			Victorians		Britain's Settlement by Anglo-Saxons & Scots.	
Art and Design	Painting a planet- Differing techniques & colour mixing.	N/A	Charcoal Skylines/ Artist - J Lowry - Matchstick Pictures (Industrialization)	N/A	N/A	Sketching the Great Wave of Kanagawa - Hokusai.
Design and Technology	N/A	Designing a carrier for a Parachute.	N/A	Cams- Victorian Toys	Building a longboat - Wire & Foil - Hull design.	N/A
PSHE	Good and bad friendships, peer pressure, maintaining friendships. RSE	Belonging- stereotypes and refugees Discrimination	Aspirations - job choices- why? Link to personalities and individualism	Targeted info; different media types, roles & impact	Medicine, sun safety and sleep	Relationships - Body & emotions change (puberty). FGM and feeling safe
R.E SMSC	Authority Muhammad and the Quran	Interpretation	Identity The Eucharist	Resurrection Easter: The Empty Cross	Pilgrimage The Hajj & Lourdes	Ritual Eid ul Fitr & Ramadam

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		Christmas the Two Birth Narratives				
Computing	Systems and Searching	Flat File Databases	Video Production	Selection in Physical Computing	Vector Graphics	Selection Quizzes
Music	Livin' On a Prayer Rock Anthems Musical notation, pattern & structure		The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Old School Hip-Hop Recognising dynamics		Dancing in the Street Motown Small group pieces & composition.	
MFL	My Home	My Home	Phonics 3 & Do you have a pet?	What is the date?	Clothes	Olympics

Year 6	Autumn 1 (7 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (6 weeks) SATs	Summer 1 (5 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Concepts	Surviving	The Unknown	Invasions	Unity		Confidence
Class text for writing	Adventure story (set in the Amazon) The Explorer	Non-fiction Texts Explanation of a volcano/earthquake	Beowulf (read first story ONLY) Legend story Historical letter Persuasion - Warning	Fiction & Non-fiction -War Diary & text extracts Diary writing, Newspapers, Non-Chronological Report- air raids,	Fiction Skellig - Setting description or prequel	Year 6 ONLY Production Transition Leaver's Service
Destination Reader	The Explorer by Katherine Rundell		Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas - Model text extracts		Skellig
Theme Title	Why is the Amazon Amazing?	What happens under the Earth's surface?	How did the Vikings shape our country?	How did World War II change the world?		Production
Hook	Book Corner /Sensory walk- Hilsea Lines Survival	Natural History Trip	Forest School- Clash of Clans & Viking Ship	Portsmouth landmark trip - linked to World War II Evacuation Day - Stansted House Portsmouth Dress up Day - World War II -		Year 6 Production
Science	Living things and their habitats	Inheritance and evolution	Animals including humans	Light	Looking after our environment	Electricity
Geography	Rivers Amazon Rainforests/Threat of deforestation/Biomes Fact files/ setting description	Earthquakes and volcanoes - information leaflets Natural History Museum/ Explanation of Volcanoes	Map of Viking Invasion Norse lands	Map of Europe and the World Geographical Study of Portsmouth		Year 6 Production
History			Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England	Portsmouth during World War II		
Art and Design	Austin's Butterfly- Blue Morpho Butterflies Islamic tiles	N/A	Viking Art - BLP activity - Shields Carving symbols- clay	Wartime Landmark sketches Blitz Watercolour Silhouettes		Year 6 Production
Design and Technology	N/A	Making 3D volcano for science experiment.	N/A	N/A	Cooking and Nutrition - War time recipes (Soup)	Textiles & Sewing- Make, do and mend (Recycling material)
PSHE	Recognising and managing pressure; consent in different situations Expressing opinions &	Evaluating media sources; sharing things online	Valuing diversity; challenging discrimination and stereo types	Keeping personal information safe; regulations and choices	What affects mental health? Health and ways to take care of it; managing change, loss and	RSE - Attraction to others; romantic relationships; civil partnership and marriage

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	respecting other views discussing topical issues	Influences and attitudes to money; money and financial risks			bereavement; managing time online	Human reproduction birth Increasing independence & managing transition
R.E SMSC	Submission- The Five Pillars of Islam (Cultural Week)	Prophecy – Magi & Visit to place of collective worship	Laws Jesus the Law Breaker	World View and the meaning of life - The Christian Story	Authority – Muhammed and the Quran	Happy - Buddhism
Computing	Communication and Collaboration	3D Modelling	Spreadsheets	Variables in Games	Sensing Movement	Webpage Creation
Music	Happy Being happy!		You've Got A Friend The music of Carole King		Music and Me Create your own music inspired by your identity and women in the music industry	African Samba (Production)
MFL	At school	The weekend	Vikings	Me in the world	WW2	Healthy Living