

John Ray Junior School Curriculum Map 2026 – 2027 – Year 5

Year 5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English texts	Core Text Wonder, R. J. Palacio	Core Text The Golden Horseman of Baghdad, Saviour Pirotta	Core Text The Highwayman, Alfred Noyes	Core Text Pig Heart Boy, Malorie Blackman	Core Text Harry Potter, J. K. Rowling	Core Text Macbeth, William Shakespeare
Science	Forces <i>Gravity, air and water resistance, mechanisms</i>	Earth and Space <i>Sun, Earth, Moon and the Solar System</i>	Materials <i>Properties and groups, changes of state, solutions (8 weeks)</i>		Living Things and their Habitats <i>Life cycles</i>	Animals including Humans <i>Changes as we age</i>
History	The Ancient Islamic Civilisation <i>A non-European society providing contrast with British history</i> <i>Deep study: The Golden Age of Islam</i>		Governance <i>A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066</i> <i>How have key events and people changed the way in which the country is governed? (Two terms)</i>			
Geography	South American Continent <i>Physical and human characteristics, climate zones, biomes</i> Map Skill 5 (contour lines)		Physical Diversity of the South American Continent		Human Geography of South America <i>The Amazon Rainforest</i>	
RE Essex Scheme	Enquiry 1 Is believing in God reasonable?	Enquiry 2 How has belief in religion impacted on music and art through history?	Enquiry 3 What can we learn from the great philosophers?		Enquiry 4 What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?	Enquiry 5 How do Hindus make sense of the world?
Art	Ancient Islamic Art <i>Clay tiles and pattern using acrylic paints</i>		The Highwayman <i>Observational ink drawings</i>		Pop Art <i>Pastels and digital media to represent Warhol's style</i>	
Design and Technology		Healthy Food and Living <i>Make homemade chicken goujons and compare to a frozen variety</i>				Electrical systems <i>Make a moveable vehicle that is controlled by or contains a functional electrical system</i>
Computing	Digital Literacy	Video Production	Programming A	Flat-File Databases	Vector Graphics	Programming B
Music		Recorder Music World Course		Charanga: The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air		Connect It: Body Percussion
MFL Language Angels	Phonetics 1-3 In the classroom		Phonetics 1-3 Family		Phonetics 1-3 Clothes	
PSHE	MHM Meet Your Brain No Outsiders – Kenny Lives with Erica and Martina	MHM Celebrate No Outsiders – Rose Blanche	MHM Appreciate No Outsiders – How to Heal a Broken Wing	MHM Relate No Outsiders – Mixed	MHM Engage No Outsiders – The Girls	RSE No Outsiders – And Tango Makes Three
PE	Gymnastics Invasion games: football	Yoga Invasion games: tag rugby	Dance Principles of passing: netball	Step Athletics	Fitness Principles of passing: handball	Striking and fielding Tennis

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