Year 5 Reading CURRICULUM MAP

Genre	Autumn 1 (8 weeks)	Autumn 2 (7 weeks)	Spring 1 (6 weeks)	Spring 2 (7 weeks)	Summer 1 (4 weeks)	Summer 2 (7 weeks)
Topic >>	**Vikings, Saxons and Scots**		**Tudors**		**Mayans and Mexico (Biomes)**	
Science >>	**Living things in their habitats**	**Properties and changes of materials**	**Forces**	**Science Investigators**	**Earth & Space**	**Animals including humans**
Fiction (inc. stories from other cultures and traditions)	• **Viking Boy – Tony Bradman – class reader or start English off with this and convert to class reader?** • *Odd and the Frost Giants – Neil Gaiman* • **Black History Month Text**		• ***Treason – Berlie Doherty?*** *Up to you which you want to do – Treason is Tudors and I've done it in year 5 before.*		• *Oh Maya Gods! – Maz Evans?* • Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover – Markus Motum (non-fiction- based narrative- **SCIENCE LINK**) • HIDDEN FIGURES: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race - Margot Shetterly (non-fiction narrative - **SCIENCE LINK and DIVERSITY**) • **Rain Player – David Wisniewski (picture book – other cultures** R	• Oranges in No Man's Land – Elizabeth Laird (other cultures) • **The Water Tower – Gary Crew (picture book)** • Beneath the Surface – Gary Crew (picture book) • **Transition Text**
Fiction from our literary heritage (and traditional tales)			• Hansel and Gretel – Anthony Browne (traditional tale) • Hansel and Gretel – Grimm Brothers • Hansel and Gretel – Neil Gaiman • Hansel Gretel – Michael Morpurgo • The Prince and the Pauper		•	

Poetry	• **Beowulf (epic Old English poem) – from 2025-26**	• **The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes (narrative poetry)**	•
Plays	•	• **Macbeth - William Shakespeare**	•
Non-fiction inc. Reference or textbooks	• Viking Longship – Mick Manning (Hybrid text) • History in Infographics: The Vikings – Jon Richards and Jonathon Vipond (infographics) • Viking Voyagers – Jack Tite • The Genius of the Anglo-Saxons – Izzi Howell • History Detectives: The Anglo Saxons – Neil Tonge • The Vikings Raiders, Traders and Adventurers – Marcia Williams	• **The Lost Colony of Roanoke and Sir Francis Drake – AN ABSOLUTE MUST!** • The Tudors: Kings, Queens and Scribes (and ferrets!) – Marcia Williams • Horrible Histories: Henry VIII's Secret Diary – Terry Deary • Horrible Histories: Terrifying Tudors – Terry Deary • Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors – Terry Deary •	• What it was like to be an… Ancient Maya – David Long • History in Infographics: The Maya – Jon Richards and Jonathon Vipond • The Ancient World: Ancient Maya – Barbara A. Somervill • The Ancient Maya – Jackie Maloy • Mexico: Travel for Kids – Belinda Briggs (travel guide) • Mexico Unpacked – Susie Brooks • Little People, Big Dreams: Frida Kahlo – Isabel Sanchez Vegara
Video Clips	• Beowulf – BBC Teach) – from 2025-26 • **Jotun – Journey of a Viking (Literacy Shed)** • A Viking Village (Literacy Shed) • The Saga of Biorn (Literacy Shed)	• **Alma – Literacy Shed**	• **Day of the Dead Literacy Shed + (Other cultures and traditions)**
Myths and Legends	• Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd-Stanton (picture book) • Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki – Kevin Crossley-Holland • The Dragon's Hoard: Stories from the Viking Saga – Lari Don		• The Chocolate Tree – Linda Lowery and Richard Keep (Mayan folktale) • The Rain Player (Mayan Myth)