



Durham Dales Partnership

Topic Cycle

EYFS Year A 2026-2027			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Topic	Me and My Community (PSED)	Marvelous Machines (Understanding the world)	Once Upon a Time (Literacy)
Pathways to write Core Texts	Someone Just Like You by Helen Docherty Sunny and the Birds by Wendy Meddour	Naughty Bus by Jan Oke Peace at Last by Jill Murphy	The Gingerbread Man by Mara Alperin The Three Little Pigs by Mara Alperin
Art & Design	Drawing: Marvellous Marks Seasonal craft: Nature wreaths	Visit an art gallery? Seasonal craft: Threaded snowflakes	Painting and mixed media: Paint My World Seasonal craft: Petal mandala suncatchers
D&T	Craft and Design: Let's Get Crafty Seasonal craft: Salt dough decorations	Sculpture and 3D: Creation Station Seasonal craft: Egg threading	Collaborative sculpture? Seasonal craft: Summer salt painting

EYFS Year B 2027-2028			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Topic	Long Ago (Understanding the world)	Let's Explore (Understanding the world)	On the Beach (Understanding the world)
Pathways to write Core Texts	Something Else by Kathryn Cave Festivals by Jane Bingham	A Walk in the Woods by Flora Martyn Supertato by Sue Hendra	The Sea Saw by Tom Percival The Pirates Are Coming! by John Condon
Art & Design	Drawing: Marvellous Marks Seasonal craft: Nature wreaths	Painting and mixed media: Paint My World Seasonal craft: Threaded snowflakes	Visit a local gallery? Seasonal craft: Petal mandala suncatchers
D&T	Craft and Design: Let's Get Crafty Seasonal craft: Salt dough decorations	Sculpture and 3D: Creation Station Seasonal craft: Egg threading	Collaborative sculpture? Seasonal craft: Summer salt painting

Key Stage 1 Year A 2026-2027			
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<i>History/ Geography</i>	School Days (History) Y1	Bright Lights Big City (Geography) Y1	Magnificent Monarchs (History) Y2
<i>Pathways to write Core Texts</i>	Meesha makes friends by Tom Percival Major Glad, Major Dizzy by Jan Oke	Katie in London by James Mayhew The Great Fire of London by Emma Adams	Troll Swap by Leigh Hodgkinson The Last Wolf by Mini Grey
<i>Art & Design</i>	Street View	Rain & Sunrays	Portraits & Poses
<i>D&T</i>	Chop, Slice & Mash	Taxi	Cut, Stitch & Join
<i>Science</i>	Plant Parts Animal Parts	Seasonal Changes	Animal Survival

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<i>History/ Geography</i>	Childhood (History) Y1	Movers & Shakers (History) Y2	Coastline (Geography) Y2
<i>Pathways to Write Core Texts</i>	Grandad's Camper by Harry Woodgate The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth by Ellie Hattie	Look up by Nathan Bryon Tidy by Emily Gravett	Somebody Swallowed Stanley by Sarah Roberts Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers
<i>Art & Design</i>	Funny Faces, Fabulous Features	Still life	Flower Head
<i>D&T</i>	Shade and Shelter	Remarkable Recipes	Beach hut
<i>Science</i>	Everyday Materials Human Senses	Human Survival Habitats	Uses of Materials Plant Survival

Key Stage 2 Year A 2026-2027			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<i>History/ Geography</i>	Dynamic Dynasties (History) Y5	Rocks, Relics & Rumbles (Geography) Y3	Maafa (History) Y6
<i>Pathways to Write Core Texts</i>	Kai and the Monkey King by Joe Todd-Stanton The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield	The Fossil Girl by Catherine Brighton Amazing Islands by Sabrina Weiss/ Koji's Island by The Literacy Company	Radiant Child by Javaka Steptoe The Place for Me: Stories about the Windrush Generation by Floella Benjamin et al
<i>Art & Design</i>	Taotie	Ammonite	Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers
<i>D&T</i>	Moving Mechanisms	Making It Move	Food for Life
<i>Science</i>	Earth and Space	Forces and Magnets	Circulatory System

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<i>History/ Geography</i>	Emperors & Empires (History) Y3	Ancient Civilisations (History) Y4	Sow, Grow & Farm (Geography) Y5
<i>Pathways to Write Core Texts</i>	Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit A Stage Full of Shakespeare Stories by Angela McAllister (Julius Caesar)	Journey by Aaron Becker Zeraffa Giraffa by Dianne Hofmeyr	The Paperbag Prince by Colin Thompson Plastic Planet: How Plastic Came to Rule the World by Georgia Amson-Bradshaw
<i>Art & Design</i>	Mosaic Masters	Statues, Statuettes and Figurines	Line, Light and Shadows
<i>D&T</i>	Greenhouse	Tomb Builders	Eat the Seasons
<i>Science</i>	Plant Nutrition and Reproduction	Electrical Circuits and Conductors	Human Reproduction and Ageing

Key Stage 2 Year C 2028-2029			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<i>History/ Geography</i>	Through the Ages (History) Y3	Frozen Kingdoms (Geography) Y6	Groundbreaking Greeks (History) Y5
<i>Pathways to Write Core Texts</i>	Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura Blue John by Berlie Doherty	Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies Shackleton's Journey by William Grill	Greek Myths by Jean Menziez Our Tower by Joseph Coelho
<i>Art & Design</i>	Prehistoric Pots	Inuit	Mixed Media
<i>D&T</i>	Cook Well, Eatwell	Engineer	Architecture
<i>Science</i>	Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System	Electrical Circuits and Components	Properties and Changes of Materials

Key Stage 2 Year D 2029-2030			
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
<i>History/ Geography</i>	Britain at War (History) Y6	Misty Mountain, Winding River (Geography) Y4	Invasion (History) Y4
<i>Pathways to Write Core Text</i>	Star of Fear, Star of Hope by Jo Hoestlandt The Day War Came by Nicola Davies/ Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann	Amazing Rivers by Julia Vosburgh Agnone Winter's Child by Graham Baker-Smith	Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd- Stanton Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo
<i>Art & Design</i>	Distortion and Abstraction	Vista	Warp & Weft
<i>D&T</i>	Make Do and Mend	Functional and Fancy Fabrics	Fresh Food, Good Food
<i>Science</i>	Light Theory Evolution and Inheritance	States of Matter Grouping and Classifying	Digestive System Sound