



Year 4 Hillcross Primary Curriculum Overview (2026-2027)

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Narrative: Myth - Beowulf Writing Outcome: Write their own 'Defeating the Monster' story Non-Fiction: Explanation Writing Outcome: The Digestive System	Narrative: Kensuke's Kingdom Writing Outcome: Setting Description of a jungle Non-Fiction: Instructions Writing Outcome: How to survive on a deserted island	Narrative: Boy at the Back of the Class Writing Outcome: 5 Part Story Structure Non-Fiction: Recount Writing Outcome: Diary writing based on the text	Non-Fiction: Recount Writing Outcome: Biography about Sir Edmund Hillary Non-Fiction: Information Writing Outcome: Magical Creature Profile	Non-Fiction: Persuade Writing Outcome: Children write a letter to try and persuade their Team teachers to do something e.g. extra play, film afternoon etc.	Narrative: Defeating the Monster Writing Outcome: Story inspired by Howard Carter Picture Book Focus Children will create writing based upon a Picture Book
	Structured Poetry: Limericks		Published Poet: The River by Valerie Bloom – Link to River topic learning		Free Verse: link to oceans and sustainability and the whole class text 'Dolphin Boy'	
Maths	Column Addition Part whole relationship and adding and subtracting within one whole Column Subtraction Properties of Shape: Quadrilaterals & Triangles	Composition and calculation: 1000 and 4 digit numbers Working across one whole: improper fractions and mixed numbers	Connection multiplication and division, and the distributive law Calculation: multiply & divide by 10 or 100 Scaling number facts by 100	Time Division with remainders	Area and Perimeter Co-ordinates	Symmetry in 2D Shapes Statistics Division - short, written method
Science	Food and the Digestive System: the human digestive system, teeth types and their functions and animals diets	Sound: how sound is made and how sound travels as vibrations through a medium to the ear	States of Matter: solids, liquids and gases and how materials change state as they are heated and cooled	Grouping and Classifying: studying the animal and plant kingdoms and using and creating classification keys to identify living things	Electrical Circuits and Conductors: construct simple series circuits, name their parts and functions and investigate electrical conductors and insulators	



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History	Invasion: life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal and Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest				Ancient Civilisations: the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation	
Geography	Interconnected World: compass points, four and six-figure grid references, the tropics and the countries, climates and culture of North and South America.		Misty Mountain, Winding River: characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world		Interconnected World: Children identify physical features in the United Kingdom and learn about the National Rail and canal networks	
Religious Education	Belonging and Identity: understanding what it means to belong and the link between belonging and baptism	Jesus: the significance of Jesus and his teachings to Christians	Birth Rites: how different religions celebrate the birth of a child	Festivals: looking at the festivals of Easter, Holi, Passover and Eid ul-Fitr and making comparisons	Hinduism, God and Sacred Writings: how Hindus use images and stories to describe God	Creation and God: the significance of the Christian story for Christians
Physical Education	Hockey Tag Rugby	Dance Netball	Tennis Gymnastics	Football Swimming Dance	Gymnastics Athletics	Outdoor Adventurous Activities Rounders
Design and Technology	Fresh Food, Good Food: food decay and inventions in food preparation and packaging		Functional and Fancy Fabrics: techniques for decorating fabric based on the designer William Morris		Tomb Builders: simple machines, including wheels, axles, inclined planes, pulleys and levers, exploring how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads	
Art and Design	Warm and Cool Colours: aboriginal art and how artists use colour in their artwork	Warp and Weft: the artform of weaving and how it has developed over time	Vista: looking at the techniques used when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere	Animal: studying the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling	Islamic Art: use the features of Islamic art to make geometric patterns and motifs on paper, with fabric and in clay	Statues, Statuettes and Figurines: studying examples from ancient civilisations and use clay skills to create a Sumer-style figurine.



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PSHE	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Exploring Ways to Manage Risk	Forming Respectful Relationships	Money Matters and News Literacy	Families and Growing Together	Me, My Body and Growing Up
Music	This little light of mine: improvise singing using the notes of the pentatonic scale with expression and dynamics. Play a rhythm ostinato and sing Part 1 of a partner song rhythmically.	The Pink Panther theme: listen, appraise, compose and create music, recognising elements that establishes the mood and character. Composing with colour: create short sounds inspired by colours and shapes considering structure. Create and read graphic scores creating different effects with timbre and texture.	The doot doot song: sing swung rhythms accurately. Learn and play a part on tuned percussion. Sing Part 2 of a partner song rhythmically. Listen and identify similarities and differences between acoustic guitar styles.	Fanfare for the common man: improvise and compose, exploring how timbre, dynamics, and texture can be used for impact in a fanfare. Compose a fanfare using a small set of notes, and short, repeated rhythms. Spain: invent a melody where two rhythms fit together. Structure musical ideas into compositions.	Global pentatonics: compose a pentatonic melody and improvise and create pentatonic patterns using notation to represent musical ideas. The horse in motion: create ostinatos and layer up different rhythms creating and following a score.	Favourite song: sing with expression adding a sense of the style of the music. Understand triads and play C, F, G major, and A minor as an instrumental part within a whole-class performance. Identify similarities and differences between pieces of music.
Computing	Google: Computing systems and networks: Collaborative learning	Programming 1: Further coding with Scratch	Google: Creating media: Website design	Skills showcase: HTML	Programming 2: Computational thinking	Data handling: Investigating weather
Spanish	Welcome to school: Recap core language including, rooms in a school and classroom objects.	My town, your town: Understand and say classroom commands, locating shops, asking and giving directions.	Alien faces and family: Learn Epiphany, celebrations in Spain, write about family members, face parts and numbers.	Moving our bodies: saying and writing face and body parts and create commands about body parts.	At the doctors and jungle animals: Learning about aches and pains and role playing doctors. Recap animal nouns, and describe animals using adjectives within simple sentences and stories	Summertime: Learn to say some weather phrases and ice cream flavours. Giving opinions and ordering politely through roleplay.