

The Year 4 Curriculum

2026-2027

In Year 4, children embark on an exciting journey through the National Curriculum, brought to life by our creative and interconnected approach to teaching. We thoughtfully structure our learning to build upon what pupils already know, fostering greater independence and encouraging a deeper grasp of every subject. Through captivating topic work, inspiring books, and memorable hands-on activities, we equip children with the skills and confidence they need to thrive. Here is a summary of what they will learn



Maths

In Year 4, we cover the full curriculum, dedicating significant time to Number work—including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, and decimals. We build on geometry and measurement while securing key concepts like area and perimeter. Throughout the year, we focus on time-telling and embedding

times tables recall. Applying our learning to problem-solving and developing strong reasoning skills remain core focus areas.

English

In English, we develop a love of reading through books and poetry such as *Gorilla*, *Leon and the Place Between*, and *When the Giant Stirred*. We also use prompts for creative writing during our Wednesday Write sessions. Non-fiction work covers journalistic reports, information texts, letters, and recounts. Much of our learning is cross-curricular, exploring Zeraffa Giraffe alongside our Ancient Egypt topic, and writing non-chronological reports on world rivers like the Amazon.

Religious Education

Our Religious Education curriculum follows "The Vine and the Branches" scheme. By exploring key biblical figures like Joseph, Elijah, and St. Paul, pupils deepen their understanding of God while developing critical thinking skills through questioning, analysis, and personal reflection. To foster a well-rounded foundation in faith and growth, children also learn about other world religions, including the core beliefs and practices of Islam.

Science

Our topics this year include studying Electricity, Sound, The Human Body, Changes of State, and Living Things and their Habitats. Our learning blends

practical investigative Science with knowledge building. We enjoy good Science enrichment opportunities including an Electricity workshop. Forest School is also an integral part of our Science learning, with visits to Rivacre Valley as well as on-site studies.

History and Geography

In History, Year 4 explore Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece, developing historical enquiry, source analysis, and chronological skills through engaging topic-based investigations. In Geography, children investigate physical and human processes through our Rivers & Mountains topic. They also examine vital global issues, including rainforest conservation and ocean plastic pollution.

Physical Education and Spanish

In PE, children will take part in activities across a range of different areas including invasion games, dance, athletics, tennis and gymnastics. In Spanish, pupils will learn about Spanish Life developing their vocabulary, speaking and listening skills.

Art and Design

Our Art and Design work ranges from painting to graphics and pottery. We design and make our own Greek pottery, experiment with wax-resistant painting, and incorporate outdoor media in forest school. Our art lessons incorporate many different

mediums, including paints, pastels, clay, and natural outdoor resources

Computing

Our Computing curriculum focusses on digital literacy as well as e-safety awareness. We enjoy learning how to use Google to enrich our classroom learning. We learn how to be discerning when using digital media and consider how to manage our digital footprints in an ever-growing digital world.

Music

We enjoy a wonderful range of rich music experiences this year. We listen to and enjoy a wide variety of styles of music, reflecting on each style and what we can learn from it. Year 4 learn how to play the xylophone as well as improving their ability to read and compose music.

PSHE/RSE

Our learning in PSHE and RSE extends significantly beyond the curriculum programme we follow this year. We enjoy learning about friendship, supporting autism, and handling different emotions.

