

# Year 4 Spring 1 Curriculum Overview

<b>RE</b> We are going to learn how Jesus' forgiveness showed God's love and how his actions welcomed people who were often excluded. We will study the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Sick and understand how these reflect Jesus' message of healing. We will look at how Christians today show faith, hope and love through helping others and think about how we can follow Jesus' example in our own lives.	<b>Maths</b> We will further develop our understanding of multiplication and division. We are going to practise multiplying and dividing by 0 and 1, multiply three numbers together and use short multiplication for 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. We will learn to divide 2-digit numbers and solve a range of multiplication and division problems using bar models to help us visualise what the questions are asking.
<b>Reading</b> We will explore the non-fiction text <i>Volcanoes</i> by Maria Gill. We are going to continue developing key reading skills such as retrieving information, making inferences and building vocabulary.	<b>Writing</b> We will read an abridged version of 'The Roman Centurion's Song' by Rudyard Kipling and write our own cinquain poems about Roman soldiers, which we will perform aloud. We are going to read <i>Escape from Pompeii</i> by Christina Balit and write our own story from the point of view of one of the children in the book.
<b>Science</b> We will be learning about states of matter. We will compare and group materials as solids, liquids and gases and observe how some materials change when they are heated or cooled. We are also going to explore evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and learn how temperature affects these changes.	<b>Art</b> Our focus is Light and Dark. We will explore how to use tints and shades to show light, dark and 3D form. We are going to practise mixing colours, sketching still-life objects, planning compositions and creating a final painting that shows care, control and an understanding of how colour can be used to create a 3D effect.
<b>Computing</b> We will learn about basic programming. We are going to plan, modify and test commands to create shapes and patterns and think about how these skills can be used in everyday life.	<b>Geography</b> We will learn about volcanoes and earthquakes. We are going to understand what causes earthquakes and identify and label the different parts of a volcano.
<b>French</b> We will continue to develop basic French speaking skills. We are going to learn how to talk about school, including the subjects we study and what we eat at school.	<b>Music</b> We will listen to and appreciate a wide range of music from different traditions and composers. We are going to explore how everyday objects can be used to create our own music.
<b>PE</b> We will take part in swimming lessons and complete the daily mile to help improve fitness and wellbeing.	<b>Homework</b> Your child will take home spellings each Friday to be tested the following week. Children should continue to practise their times tables and can use TTRS to help with this. Children should complete ReadingPlus 2-3 times a week and record their reading regularly in their journals.