



Year 4 Curriculum overview – Autumn Term 2026

English

In English we will be basing our work on two novels.

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo and
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson
Burnett.

We will be exploring descriptive writing,
narrative and persuasion. Later in the term,
we will be exploring playscript writing as well
as creating stories with morals.

In our English lessons we will continue to
develop our knowledge of a range of spelling
rules and grammatical features. Spelling
will be taught discretely on a Friday and
spelling lists will be brought home weekly.

Maths

We will be following the White Rose Maths scheme as a basis for our Maths learning. This term we will be covering: Unit 1 Place value 1, Unit 2 Addition and subtraction, Unit 3 Area, and Unit 4 Multiplication and division.

We will be working on confidently calculating with 4-digit numbers. This includes addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers and multiplication and division of 3-digit numbers. The Year 4 expectation is to learn all multiplication facts to 12×12 and be able to recall these at speed.

Reading

As well as sharing our class novels, in reading this term we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction to practise reading skills including retrieval, inference, prediction and summary as well as identifying themes and conventions between stories.

Religious Education

Our work this term is about the importance of the Trinity to Christians and what Hindus believe God is like.

The first unit of work will look at Hindu worship and beliefs about God. This will include a visit to a Hindu Temple.

In the second unit we will be looking at the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and of their importance to Christians.

History

In History we will be learning how children's lives have changed through the years.

This unit includes work on the Tudor era and rights of children through the ages. We will explore how the concept of childhood has changed too!

Art and Design

In Art and Design, we will be looking at fabric design inspired by the rainforest. We will be looking at the technique of Batik – the Indonesian art of fabric dyeing.

Music

In music, we will be learning about music from Indonesia and India. We will be discovering the features of gamelan music including the Slendro scale and cyclical rhythmic patterns and identifying traditional gamelan instruments. We will understand the history and key features of Bollywood films and how ambient sounds can be used to enhance a film score.

Physical Education

We will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday. This term we are learning about tag rugby and netball. In dance we will create a dance based on being a secret agent. The gym unit is about performing a 6-element sequence.

Science

In science we will be studying 'Animals, including humans – teeth & digestion' and Electricity and circuits

We will describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and identify the different types and function of teeth. We will construct food chains.

We will make electric circuits using batteries, bulbs, buzzer, motors and learn about electricity production.

French

This term we will learn to describe people and about the clothes people wear.

These topics include body and face parts, personalities, clothes and colours.

Computing

This term we will be focussing on 'Online safety', 'Computing systems and networks used for collaborative learning' and 'Programming using Scratch'.

The key questions we will be answering are:

Do I have too much screen time?

Can we work together on this?

Can you use variables?

The children will use iPads and Chrome books during these topics.

Geography

In Geography we will be investigating why rainforests are important to us? We will begin by finding out where rainforests exist and what they are like. We will move on to learn who lives in the Amazon rainforest, how it is changing and why. Finally, will use fieldwork to collect data on how our local woodland is used, before analysing and presenting the information.



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Design Technology

We will be designing our own biscuit and packaging.

We will sample a variety of biscuits and consider target audience and any current gaps in the market.

We will learn how to follow a simple recipe and then make alterations and improvements.

We will also design appealing packaging for our product.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (including Relationships Education)

This term we will be leaning about My healthy self: How can I make healthy choices?

We will be understanding how healthy choices support both physical and mental wellbeing by exploring exercise, nutrition and hydration. Next we will learn about connecting with others: How can we respect each other? We will examining respectful and disrespectful behaviour by considering how actions and expectations can vary in different settings.