



CURRICULUM OUTLINE - AUTUMN TERM 2026

YEAR 4

English	Writing: The children will be looking at different genres this term. They will explore how to write a letter, diary entries, a persuasive argument and develop vocabulary by finding alternatives for words. During the term, they will plan and write a story and exciting newspaper reports using descriptive vocabulary, adjectives, adverbs and similes. Children will build on the previous year by including ambitious punctuation, vocabulary, sentence openers and more sophisticated connectives for writing. Comprehension: With a variety of different text types, we will be developing inferential skills and providing evidence to support answers. Children will learn how to respond to various types of questions and will know the difference between them. They will be taught to summarise and personalise responses to narratives. Other areas covered: grammar, spelling, handwriting, speaking and listening, reading and drama.
Maths	Children will work on times tables, place value, ordering and rounding numbers, addition, subtraction, short multiplication, short division, decimals, measurement, shape, time, number patterns, money, mental arithmetic and problem-solving. Pupils will learn how answers to word problems should be recorded, and how to carefully read multi-step problems.
Science	Electricity: Children will research the uses of electricity. They will construct basic electrical circuits, using appropriate symbols to record their circuits. They will also investigate conductors and insulators. States of Matter: The children will discover more about the properties of the three different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. They will learn how to use thermometers and apply this to a practical setting. The children will set up enquiries about matter changing from one state to another. They will also study the water cycle and investigate air as an example of a gas.
Computing and ICT	Digital Citizenship: Year 4 will begin by identifying appropriate behaviour when online. They will learn about cyberbullying and digital footprint, and how to search safely and with relevant keywords on the internet. Digital Photography: We will analyse and appraise images (real, staged, CGI and AI), and learn about forced perspective photography. Presentation: Year 4 will plan a presentation by finding and checking sources, then creating a PowerPoint presentation including facts and images, which they will present to the class.
History	The Windrush: This term, Year 4 will be learning about Black History through the topic of the Windrush. They will learn about the importance of the Windrush generation in Britain, how and why people travelled to Britain and what it was like for those who had embarked on this adventure.
Geography	Settlements around the world: The children will be discussing the physical and human features of settlements, and how they differ. They will look at the reasons for where settlements grow and why sites may have been chosen, paying particular attention to early settlers in Britain. They will study where and why certain place names can be found. The children will also make comparisons between rural and urban settings in more detail.
RE	Year 4 children will study the beliefs and practices of Christianity this term. Looking at the Creation story; comparing the Biblical story to scientific explanations. The term will continue looking at the Miracles of Jesus. Children will then think about the real meaning of Christmas with a focus on peace and the dove as a Christian symbol.
PSHE	Health & Wellbeing: Healthy body and mind Healthy lifestyle Risks of alcohol Growth mindset Mental Health Risks of smoking and vaping How to help someone with asthma Impacts of Bullying (Anti-Bullying Week)
French	Key topics: Vocabulary including days of the week, months, colours, classroom objects, greetings and introductions will be revisited. New topics will include naming rooms in the house, describing household items and basic prepositions. Asking questions in French will also be practised by acting out a selection of role-plays.

Reasoning	The children will become familiar with SPANSSS – Shape, Position, Angle, Number, Shading, Symmetry and Size. We will discuss what each one means by introducing the first three concepts 'odd one out', 'which one comes next' and 'patterns'. Children will also begin to look at word types and consider words which belong in a group.
Music	‘Calypso and Reggae’ project’: history and structure of world music studied through playing keyboards. Children will study, compose, and perform different pieces of music whilst working in pairs and they should be fluent at reading musical notation at this stage. Special event preparation through singing: Harvest, Black History Month, Remembrance. After half of the term is focused on their end of term performance (Carol Service at St Anne’s church).
Art	Focus on colour as a formal element of art with a series of projects to develop colour mixing using different types of paint. Pen drawings and wire sculpture sculptures on theme of bugs.
Games/PE	Netball: Passing, positional play, tactics, match play. 7-a-side game Football: Matchplay, skills, positional play, tactics. Multi Sports: Gym, team building Swimming: Stroke technique, endurance and relays. Fitness: Regular cross country runs, National Fitness test (termly) and mileage challenges