

Year 4 Spring Curriculum Overview

Outlined are the main topics that we will be studying during the Spring term. Please come and see me after school if you have any questions.

English

Year 4 English lessons will link closely to Geography, focusing on rainforests and rivers. Children will explore high-quality texts to develop reading, writing and speaking skills. The term begins with *The Great Kapok Tree*, where pupils learn how descriptive language creates vivid settings and write their own rainforest setting descriptions. Later, pupils will study *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, focusing on persuasive language and environmental issues. They will plan and deliver a persuasive speech. A dedicated oracy unit will develop confidence in speaking, listening, discussion and presentation skills.



Mathematics

In Maths this term, pupils will study Unit 6 of the NCETM Framework, which focuses on understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships. They will then move on to Unit 7, exploring coordinates. Alongside this, pupils will take part in daily *Mastering Number* sessions to strengthen multiplication knowledge in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.

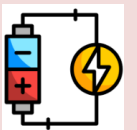


PSHE

Through story and discussion, children will learn that they are designed for a purpose and reflect on how they should live considering this. My Happy Minds, which will support pupils in developing positive mental health, resilience, and wellbeing.

Science

In Science this term, pupils will explore electricity and states of matter through a range of hands-on experiments and investigations. They will learn how electrical circuits work, identify different materials, and observe how materials change between solid, liquid and gas. Practical activities will encourage curiosity, questioning and scientific thinking.



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Geography

In Geography this term, pupils will study rainforests and rivers. They will learn where tropical rainforests are located, explore their key features and understand why they are important to the planet. Pupils will also learn about deforestation and its impact on wildlife, local communities and the global environment. An educational visit to the botanical gardens will support and enrich this learning. In addition, pupils will study rivers, exploring their features, journey and importance to people and the environment.

R.E

This term in Religious Education, children will study Unit E, *Jesus is the Light of the World and Beloved Son*. Through this unit, pupils will learn about key events in Jesus' life, including his baptism, Simeon and Anna meeting Jesus in the temple, and the Transfiguration. These stories help children to understand why Christians believe Jesus is special and how he is described as God's Son. Pupils will also learn about Lent, exploring why it is an important time of reflection, prayer and preparation for Catholics.

Art and Design Technology (DT)

In Design Technology this term, pupils will learn basic food preparation skills by making hot cross buns. They will follow a recipe, measure ingredients accurately and learn about food hygiene and safety. In Art, pupils' learning will link to Geography. They will develop observational drawing skills inspired by rainforests and rivers and explore printing techniques to create patterns and textures linked to natural environments.

PE

P.E. will take place on Mondays and Swimming on Thursdays, and we ask that pupils come to school in their full P.E. kits on these days. On Mondays, pupils will take part in indoor P.E focusing on a range of team building games, developing teamwork, coordination, and ball skills. On Thursdays, Pupils will be going swimming until 5th February.