

# Year 4 Overview

## English

Children will be given the opportunity to investigate and explore a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. These will include:

- The Lost Thing
- The Iron Man
- The Piano
- Grandpa and the laundry basket
- Stories from other cultures
- The Butterfly Lion

Children will be taught to write with composition and effect, articulating ideas and structuring them in speech and writing. They will be writing for Information and description, poetry and story writing.

Our Learning Enquiry theme will also be used as a stimulus for writing that will excite and ignite the imagination.

Children will also participate in a Weekly Spelling test based on spelling Patterns practised in class.

**Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis.**

Guided reading sessions in class will support your child's reading fluency and comprehension development. Children will learn to discuss their understanding of texts and explain the meaning of words in context.

## Computing & Digital Learning

Our Computing Curriculum this year will focus on developing images, presentations, branching databases and collecting and presenting information. We will also be helping the children to gain a deeper understanding of e-safety through the use of discussion and online resources.

## Art and Design

In Art and Design we will be focussing on developing skills /techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials. Children will practise their skills when creating Doodles, landscapes and 3D Mayan masks.

## Mathematics

In Numeracy we will be using Abacus Maths and other resources to explore and revise:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Look at the properties of shape
- Convert units of measure
- Statistics
- Fractions (including decimals)
- Position and direction

We will continue to use our Mental Maths tests to help build confidence in our mental maths skills.

We will learn appropriate times to use both mental strategies and written approaches to calculations.

Children will also use problem solving skills to answer one and two-step word problems.

Be sure to take a look at: Mathletics - a great online resource that children have access too!

## Design & Technology

Our skills in designing, making and evaluating will be put to the test as we create torches and mechanisms for moving vehicles.

We will also be making some culinary delights when looking at food and nutrition.

## PSHE

Year 4 will be discussing and researching a range of topics, including:

- Keeping safe
- Anti-bullying
- Citizenship and the Environment
- The world of drugs
- Healthy eating
- Relationships with family and friends

## Science

In Science this year we will develop our scientific skills, knowledge and vocabulary by exploring and investigating:

- Where does all that food go?
- Switch on electricity
- Who am I?
- In a state
- Human Impact
- Good vibrations

## History/Geography

In History we will be taking a look at India and the Indus Valley, the Mayans and the Romans. We will be studying the lives and culture of the people who lived during these periods, as well as the impact that they had on the world today.

In Geography we will be exploring the UK and the World, as well as recycling and flooding, both locally and on a much larger scale.

## Music

Students will experience a range of topics in music, including:

- Around the world
- Ostinato
- Class orchestra
- Scales
- Programme music
- Carnival of the animals

## French

Bienvenue! In French this year we will be learning to describe animals, weather, celebrations, body parts, verbs and healthy food. Children will be developing their language skills by asking and answering questions in role.

## Physical Education

In PE children will begin to develop ball skills and team building while participating in invasion games, such as rugby, football, hockey and netball. They will also be learning key skills in swimming, gymnastics and dance. Later in the term children will develop their athletic agility too. We look forward to a very active year!

## R.E

During RE lessons, students will be considering a range of questions such as:

- How do Holy books reveal God for believers?
- Where are we going?
- Who cares?
- Who are we and where do we belong?
- What is worship?

