

Year 4

Spring Term

2026

History

In History, pupils will be exploring what changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion. They will begin by thinking about how the Britons might have felt when the Romans suddenly left and will suggest reasons why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and examined the key features of their settlements, comparing these with prehistoric homes to spot both changes and continuities. By studying real and replica artefacts, they will make inferences about daily life and discover how Anglo-Saxon beliefs gradually shifted. They will also learn about the growing threat of Viking raids and discuss the important qualities a monarch needed in 1066, bringing their understanding of this turbulent period together.

Design and Technology

The children will be designing and making their own electrical torches. They will explore how simple circuits work, investigate different types of switches, and consider how the shape, materials and purpose of a product influence its design. Pupils will then create their own working torch, applying their scientific knowledge of electricity and displaying their creativity. This project will help develop problem-solving skills, practical making techniques, and an understanding of how electrical products are used in everyday life.

Physical Education

They will be developing a wide range of skills through tag rugby, rounders and gymnastics. In tag rugby, they will learn to dodge, pass and work effectively as a team. During rounders, pupils will build their batting, fielding and throwing accuracy while developing tactical awareness. In gymnastics, the children will explore balance; control and sequence work, creating routines that combine different shapes, movements and jumps. Across all activities, the focus is on teamwork, confidence and improving overall fitness.

MFL

In Spanish, the children will be learning to identify the names of different animals and to recognise the gender of nouns. They will choose suitable adjectives to describe characteristics, make sensible predictions about stories, and adapt model sentences to create their own short narratives

PSHE

In PSHE, our Health and Wellbeing unit will help children understand how to look after their physical and emotional health. They will learn about making positive choices, building supportive friendships, managing feelings, and developing resilience. Alongside this, our Safety and Changing Body unit will teach pupils how their bodies grow and change, with a focus on personal privacy, personal safety, and understanding trusted adults they can speak to.

Computing

The children will be learning about website design, planning and creating a website of their own. They will then evaluate how effective their finished site is and consider ways it could be improved.

R.E.

This term, the children will be exploring what it means to be a Hindu living in Britain today, gaining insight into beliefs, traditions and everyday practices. They will also be learning about the Christian concept of salvation and the significance of Easter, deepening their understanding of how these beliefs influence the lives of Christians.

Maths

In Year 4, children will be developing their skills in fractions, geometry and measurement through a range of practical and engaging activities. They will learn to recognise and show families of equivalent fractions, find fractions of amounts, and understand how fractions link to decimals. In geometry, pupils will explore the properties of 2D shapes, identify different types of angles, and begin to understand symmetry. Their measurement work will include converting between units, measuring perimeter, and solving problems involving time and length. Across all areas, children will apply their learning to real-life contexts, helping them build confidence and deepen their mathematical understanding.

English

Children will be developing their narrative writing skills through an exciting focus on myths and quests. They will explore the features of traditional tales, create vivid characters and settings, and construct their own imaginative stories. Alongside narrative work, pupils will learn how to write clear and well-structured explanation texts, using precise language to explain processes and ideas. The children will also enjoy reading and creating poetry, experimenting with rhythm, imagery and a range of poetic techniques.

Science

This term in Science, we will be learning about electricity. The children will explore conductors and insulators and learn about the importance of staying safe when using electrical appliances. As part of their scientific investigations, they will make predictions and test whether a lamp will light in different circuits, as well as build their own electrical circuit that includes a working switch.

Music

The children will be learning to listen to changes of pitch, tempo and dynamics