



CURRICULUM GUIDE

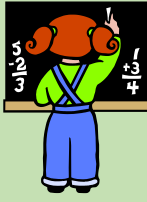
For parents of children in

Year 4

2026-2027

CURRICULUM GUIDES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 4

Work covered by pupils in Year 4 in the Advent Term will include the following:

 English	Reading: • Individual books • Class reader - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory • Comprehension tasks Speaking and listening: • Harvest and Christmas • Class discussion/group work • Oral comprehension • Performance Poetry Writing: I am a Clever Writer • Handwriting • Spellings • Grammar – adverbs, adverbials, verbs, conjunctions, direct speech • Fiction – story writing and character descriptions • Non-fiction – Non Chronological Report linked to topic work • Poetry – writing and performing a poem in the style of Michael Rosen
 Mathematics	• Weekly aural/written mental arithmetic tests • Weekly tables tests (individually 2x to 12x) • Place value, ordering and counting whole 5 digit numbers • Addition/subtraction mental strategies – 2 digit to 2 digit numbers. • Addition/subtraction written methods - addition-partitioning, subtraction-numberlines and expanded decomposition • Multiplication written methods – simple division with remainder • Area • Investigations/problem solving
 Science	States of Matter • Solids, liquids and gases • Changes of state • Water cycle and weather Space • The Earth in Space

	• The planets of the Solar system. • Stars
 Art/DT	Art: • Observational drawings- exploring tone and composition with different media • Mixed media skills • Christmas cards D&T: • Design, make and evaluate a new chocolate bar/package • Textile skills linked to topic
 Geography	• Map reading skills • Mexican festivals • Mexican cuisine • Arts and crafts
 Computing	• Coding ○ Object Properties ○ IF/ELSE commands ○ Introducing Variables • Lego Robotics - WeDo2
 P.E. & Sport	• Boys' major sport: Advent term – Rugby • Girls' major sport: Advent term – Hockey • Swimming: endurance, timed skills and stroke work. • The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:- ○ Fitness / Cross country ○ Health Related Fitness ○ Gymnastics ○ Boing Kids
	In Year 4, pupils build a knowledge of phonics, grammar and vocabulary in German, alongside the WoLLOW course. We will learn selected poems, songs, stories, traditions and cultural norms from German speaking countries.



German and WoLloW

Recognise days, months, weather, colours, numbers 0-31 and phonic sounds included in these words. Celebrate Christmas.

WoLloW is a school curriculum that teaches children aged 7–13 about the history, structure, and cultural diversity of human language. It celebrates children's home and heritage languages while boosting overall literacy.

- Values all languages: It celebrates bilingual and multilingual families and helps all young people to explore their own multilingualism.
- Builds brain power: It shows kids how languages work, improving critical thinking and grammar skills.
- Connects families to school: It invites parents to share their own linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- Prepares for the future: It builds a lifelong curiosity and love for learning new languages.

Unit 3 Wonderful Words

1. Loanwords
2. Cognates
3. Made-Up Words
4. Prefixes, Roots and Suffixes
5. Cryptic Hidden Meanings
6. Loughborough: Spelling and its Problems



History

Aztecs:

- Introduction to Aztecs
- Daily life
- Aztec Gods
- End of the Aztec Empire



Music

Through the study of the Famous Classical works:

- Identify instruments and explore how they work
- Perform sections of music
- Compose pieces of music
- Experiment with the musical elements
- Develop instrumental skills

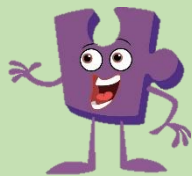
Further develop recorder and music reading skills, continued from Year 2 and 3.

Prepare for Harvest and Christingle Service.



RE

- Hinduism-Janmashtami-Role Models
- Buddhism-Kathina-Generosity



PSHE/RSE

- Being me in my World
- Celebrating Difference

Work covered by pupils in Year 4 in the Lent Term will include the following:



English

Reading

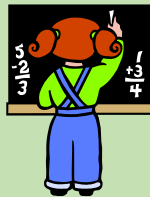
- Individual books
- Class reader - 'The Last Bear'
- Extracts from fiction and non-fiction books linked to The Frozen World topic e.g Shackleton's Journey, Ice Trap
- Comprehension Tasks

Speaking and listening

- Class discussion/group work
- Oral comprehension
- Role play interviews
- Storytelling techniques

Writing

- Handwriting
- Spellings
- Grammar – commas, dialogue/speech marks, apostrophes, verb tenses, figurative language
- Fiction – folk tale
- Non-fiction – Persuasive letter, explanatory text



Mathematics

- Weekly aural/written mental arithmetic tests
- Weekly tables tests
- Extend 4 rules of Number from the Advent Term
- Fractions – ordering; tenths
- Decimals – converting simple fractions to decimals (in tenths)
- Ordering simple decimals (up to tenths)
- Length and Perimeter – counting squares and introducing calculation method for area
- Investigations/problem solving



Science

Electricity

- Simple series and parallel circuits
- Circuit symbols and use of electrical components
- How electricity is provided to homes

Classification

- Habitats, comparing extreme environments
- How to classify animals and plants based on their features
- The key features of different groups
- Use of simple keys.



Art/DT

Art:

- Northern Light art- painting and pastel skills
- Exploring Inuit artists- patterns using a variety of mixed media

D&T:

- Design, make and evaluate a torch- make a simple circuit



Geography

Polar regions:

- Polar explorers
- Ice formations and impact
- Life in the Antarctic and Arctic
- Climate change
- Adaptations of polar animals



Computing

- Coding
 - Logo – control
 - Repeat command
- Hardware
- E-safety



P.E. & Sport

- Boys' major sport: Lent term – Hockey
- Girls' major sport: Lent term – Netball
- Swimming: endurance, timed skills and stroke work.
- The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:-
 - Fitness / Cross country
 - Gymnastics
 - Dance
 - Invasion Games



German: Recap of all vocab plus recognise verb sein and how to ask yes/no questions.

WoLLoW: Unit 4 How Language Works

1. What is a Verb?
2. What is Gender?



German and WoLLoW

3. Question Words
4. Word Order
5. Vowel, Consonants and Phonics
6. What is a Noun?
7. Numerals and Numbers



History

Polar Explorers:

- Research the lives of Polar adventurers past and present
- Shackleton's story on The Endurance
- Brave women of the Icy Worlds



Music

Composition

- Writing music on a stave
- Composing using tuned percussion
- Exploring chords
- Using Music Technology to compose

Ukulele

- Learning new chords (C7, G7)
- Extending repertoire including traditional and pop songs



RE

- Judaism-Shabbat-Rest
- Christianity-Holy Week-Belief



PSHE/RSE

- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me

Work covered by pupils in Year 4 in the Trinity Term will include the following:



English

Reading

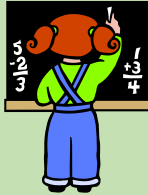
- Individual reading book
- Class reader- Kensuke's Kingdom
- Comprehension

Speaking and listening

- Class discussion/group work
- Oral comprehension

Writing

- Handwriting
- Spellings
- Grammar – prepositions, fronted adverbials, adverbs to modify verbs
- Fiction work: Adventure story writing, descriptive writing, persuasive writing
- Non-fiction: Biography



Mathematics

- Weekly aural/written mental arithmetic tests
- Weekly tables tests
- Revision of 4 rules of Number – applying this in word problems
- Decimals
- Time
- 2 and 3D Shape
- Measures
- Angles – introduce and recognize acute, right angle and obtuse angles – introduce drawing and measuring angles
- Co-ordinates – first quadrant
- Handling Data – interrogating and drawing bar charts, pictograms and line graphs
- Money
- Investigative maths/using maths vocabulary



Science

Sound and hearing

- Sound waves
- How different sounds are formed
- Pitch and volume
- The human ear

Science Investigation work

- Pupil led investigations

	• Learning to make predictions and conclusions
 Art/DT	Art: • Portrait work- creating a collage of a Tudor monarch • Watercolour work linked to Kensuke's Kingdom D&T: • Mechanical systems
 Geography	• Islands around the World • History of Japan • Madagascar • The Isle of Wight
 Computing	• Effective Internet searches • Powerpoint skills • iMovie
 P.E. & Sport	• Boys' major sport: Trinity term – Cricket & Athletics • Girls' major sport: Trinity term – Cricket & Athletics • Swimming: Endurance, timed skills and stroke work. • The following activities will take place on a rotational basis in PE:- ○ Tennis ○ Athletics

  German and WoLLoW	German: Recap all vocab, plus recognise indefinite and definite articles. WoLLoW: Catch Up Units 3 and 4
 History	• The Tudors • Battle of Bosworth • Henry VIII • Tudor Homes
 Music	Tudor Music • Instruments from Tudor times • Learning songs and instrumental music from Tudor times • Composing music for recorder inspired by Tudor music Recorder Preparing for Prizegiving Performance
 R.E./PSHE	RE • Sikhism –Vaisakhi-Identity • Islam-Eid ul-Adha-Charity
 PSHE/RSE	• Work based on residential visit • Relationships • Changing Me

This guide provides an overall outline of work to be covered and is subject to change.