



CURRICULUM GUIDE


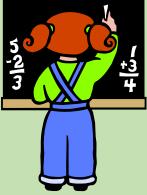
For parents of children in

Year 4

2023-2024

CURRICULUM GUIDES FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 4

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

 <p>English</p>	<p>Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual books• Class reader - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory <p>Speaking and listening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harvest and Christmas• Class discussion/group work• Oral comprehension• Performance Poetry <p>Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehension• Handwriting• Spellings• Grammar – adverbs, adverbials, verbs, conjunctions, direct speech• Fiction – story writing and character descriptions• Non-fiction – Persuasive adverts for a chocolate bar• Poetry – writing and performing a poem in the style of Michael Rosen
 <p>Mathematics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Fractions-recognising fractions of shapes, equivalent fractions• Multiplication written methods – simple division with remainder• 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
- Book illustrators e.g Quentin Blake
- Clay skills
- Christmas cards

D&T:

- Design, make and evaluate a new chocolate bar/package



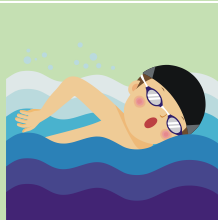
Geography

- 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



French

Working from the Catherine Cheater Scheme of Work.
Listening, speaking, reading and writing activities:

- Celebration of the community languages
- Developing answers to a range of questions
- Learning vocabulary for: clothing, parts of the body, days of the week
- Knowledge of French grammar points; genders of nouns, possessive adjectives, preceding and proceeding adjectives, adjectival agreements
- How to use a bilingual dictionary effectively

The vehicles of 'story', 'rhyme', 'poetry' and 'song' feature greatly in the teaching and learning.



History

Aztecs:

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



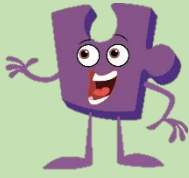
Music

- Developing instrumental and vocal skills
- Exploring music from around the world and music of the great composers
- Tudor Music
- Composing using rhythmic and melodic phrases and patterns
- Performing in group/class ensembles playing tuned/un-tuned percussion, recorder, guitar and voices#
- Exploring music technology



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

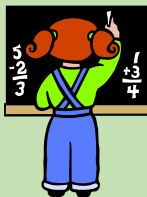
- Individual books
- Extracts from fiction and non-fiction books linked to The Frozen World topic e.g Shackleton's Journey, Ice Trap

Speaking and listening

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

Writing

- Comprehension
- Handwriting
- Spellings (up to 21 per week)
- Grammar – commas, pronouns, dialogue/speech marks, apostrophes
- 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)
- Measurements – conversion of units (length, mass and capacity)
- Area and Perimeter – counting squares and introducing calculation method for area
- Symmetry – reflective
- 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to classify animals and plants based on their features • The key features of different groups • Use of simple keys.
 <p>Art/DT</p>	<p>Art:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Light art • Exploring Inuit artists <p>D&T:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Poster
 <p>Geography</p>	<p>Polar regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polar explorers • Life in the Antarctic and Arctic • Climate change • Polar animals
 <p>Computing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Logo – control ○ Repeat command • Hardware • E-safety
 <p>P.E. & Sport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fitness / Cross country ○ Gymnastics ○ Dance ○ Invasion Games



French

Working from the Catherine Cheater Scheme of Work.
Listening, speaking, reading and writing activities:

Range of topics including:

- Festivals
- Food
- Clothing
- School
- Time words
- Building French grammar
- Knowledge of French phonics



History

Polar Explorers:

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



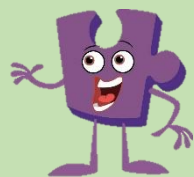
Music

- Rehearsing and performing for the Year 4 workshop.
- Performing Tudor music
- Learning new guitar chords.



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

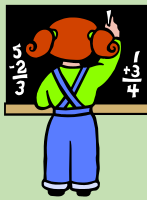
- Individual reading book
- Class reader- Kensuke's Kingdom

Speaking and listening

- Class discussion/group work
- Oral comprehension

Writing

- Comprehension
- Handwriting
- Spellings
- Grammar – prepositions, fronted adverbials, adverbs to modify verbs
- Fiction work: Adventure story writing, descriptive writing
- Non-fiction: Recount- write a ship's log



Mathematics

- Weekly aural/written mental arithmetic tests
- Weekly tables tests
- Revision of 4 rules of Number – applying this in word problems
- 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:

- Designing/making a purse for Henry VIII



Geography

- Islands around the World
- History of Japan
- Madagascar
- The Isle of Wight



Computing

- Databases
- iMovie
- Green screen



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



French

Working from the Catherine Cheater Scheme of Work.
Listening, speaking, reading and writing activities:

Range of topics including:

- Building French grammar
- Knowledge of French phonics
- Parts of the body
- Descriptions
- Questions and answers
- French artists and Impressionist art
- Towns in France

 <p>History</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tudors • Battle of Bosworth • Henry VIII • Tudor Homes
 <p>Music</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composing descriptive music using musical extracts as a stimuli • To learn songs for summer performances • Develop instrumental skills on classroom instruments
 <p>R.E./PSHE</p>	<p>RE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sikhism –Vaisakhi-Identity • Islam-Eid ul-Adha-Charity
 <p>PSHE/RSE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work based on residential visit • Relationships • Changing Me

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