

# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

## Year 4 - Autumn term

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### READING

The focus for the teaching of reading in Year 4 is largely on building fluency and engaging with lots of different texts looking at vocabulary, sentence structures, background, stories, non-fiction, poetry and newspapers to build breadth and reading mileage. Daily story time sessions will include the amazing books: The Land of Roar, Bill's New Frock, The Boy at the Back of the Class and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.



### MATHS

Maths learning, in this first term, will begin with recapping and extending learning on place value. 4 digit numbers will be partitioned in different ways and they will compare, order and round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Mental methods to add and subtract will be consolidated and formal written methods will be taught for 4 digit numbers. The remaining times tables will be learnt with practice and fluency a priority.



### HISTORY

Ancient Greece is the first History unit. Children will learn about the location of Greece, its many islands and the different city states during its rise to power between around 900BCE and 146CE. They will learn about how Athens is the birthplace of Democracy, compare the ancient Olympic games to the modern Olympic games, Greek mythology and the different Greek gods.



### ART

Light is explored in our first unit. Children will learn how light is shown through art and will use different mediums such as charcoal, art pencils oil pastels and paint to show tints, tones and highlights. Space is investigated next with children exploring how space is portrayed in different images looking at the foreground, middle ground and background of pictures and learn that objects are larger in the foreground but get smaller in the background.



### PSHE

Being Me in My World will be explored in this first unit. Children will understand why listening to others and being listened to are important. Democracy will also be discussed and how it fits in with our school values. First impressions are investigated during our Celebrating Differences unit. What bullying is is taught alongside why it is good to accept ourselves and others for who they are.



### COMPUTING

The Internet is our first unit and will explore how networks physically connect to other networks, how networked devices make up the internet, how content can be added and the consequences of unreliable content. Audio Production is studied next with children learning that audio recordings can be edited and how to combine audio to enhance podcasts.



### MUSIC

This term, children are introduced to Working Songs which have traditionally provided a rhythm to work to. Two types of working songs they will learn about are sea shanties and bhangra. Take the 'A' Train is the next unit which focusses on 4/4 off-beat, swing rhythms and pulse. The music of Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong are discovered and discussed in this unit.



### WRITING

Our creative fiction units for the autumn term will be based on Theseus and the Minotaur - when the focus will be action and Alice in Wonderland - with a focus on characterisation. Non-fiction units will include units inspired by the book Children who Changed the World, Inspirational People and The Human Body. Poetry writing will be based on The River. Handwriting and spelling will be taught in daily lessons.



### SCIENCE

The term will begin with the children learning more about The Human Body. They will learn about how our body is composed of cells, tissue and organs. The effect of diet on the teeth will be explored, what a healthy balanced diet looks like and how food is digested. Classification of Plants and Animals is the next unit with children learning to classify animals depending on whether they are vertebrates, invertebrates, mammals, birds, reptiles or fish.



### GEOGRAPHY

During the Spatial Sense unit, children will learn about: lines of latitude, lines of longitude, the Prime Meridian line and four-digit grid references. They will move on to learning about Mediterranean Europe and will identify the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. Children will build on their knowledge of countries, capital cities and flags by studying the unique nations within this region.



### DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Sewing is the skill taught in the DT unit this term. Children will learn the term applique and that it was a technique used by ancient Egyptians. They will design an applied cushion and then create the cushion using appropriate sewing stitches to join the fabric and apply their chosen applique design. They will finally evaluate their finished creation.



### RELIGION & WORLDVIEWS

Multifath; Culture and Religion are explored in this first unit. Children will understand that culture differs from religion and that both are special and important to who we are as individuals. The next unit looks in detail at the Bible and why it is so important to Christians. A range of Bible stories are shared as part of this unit.



### PE

During the autumn term, children will learn the skills needed to strike and catch. They will understand the need to work as a team and strategise to beat their opponents. These skills will come together when the children play competitive games of Tag Rugby and Basketball



### Spanish

In Spanish, children will learn how to count to 20, say their name and age and introduce themselves to others. They will also learn how to describe where they live, their family as well as learning how to use possessive adjectives in both 1st and 3rd person. They will regularly practice and consolidate previous learning.