

# Year 4 Curriculum Overview Autumn 2025

## ENGLISH

### Writing

#### Texts used:

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry  
 Until I Met Dudley by Roger McGough and Chris Riddell  
 The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

#### Fiction and Non Fiction Writing

##### We will:

- Read The Great Kapok Tree.
- Write a descriptive setting.
- Write a non-chronological report about the rainforest.
- Write a persuasive text, including animals' POV, pleading not to cut down the rainforest.

##### We will:

- Read Until I Met Dudley.
- Write explanation texts for everyday objects.
- Design and write about our own invention.
- Write a letter asking for information.

##### We will:

- Read The Iron Man.
- Explore the devices of mystery and suspense.
- Write a news article.
- Write a mystery narrative.

### Reading

#### Texts used:

The Wild Robot  
 Peter Brown

#### Comprehension Ninja: fiction and non fiction texts

#### Through our reading and study of these texts, we will practise and develop the skills of:

- Identifying and understanding new vocabulary
- Inference
- Prediction
- Explaining our ideas
- Retrieving information from the text
- Summarising a passage of text.

	Content Domain	
Author Choice	2g:	Identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases.
Vocabulary	2a:	Give/explain the meaning of words in context.
Compare, Contrast & Comment	2f:	Identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole.
	2h:	Make comparisons within the text.
Retrieval	2b:	Retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.
Inference	2d:	Make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text.
Summary	2c:	Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph.
Prediction	2e:	Predict what might happen from details stated and implied.

### Spelling

Daily phonics practice will continue for children who still need this.

We will continue to learn and practise words from the statutory Year 3/4 Word List.

See class pages on the school website for differentiated spelling coverage for the autumn term.

# MATHS

## Number: Place Value

Represent numbers to 1000  
Partition numbers to 1000  
Number line to 1000  
Thousands  
Represent numbers to 10,000  
Partition number to 10,000  
Flexible partitioning of numbers to 10,000  
Find 1, 10, 100, 1,000 more or less  
Number line to 10,000  
Estimate on a number line to 10,000  
Compare numbers to 10,000  
Order numbers to 10,000  
Roman numerals  
Round to the nearest 10  
Round to the nearest 100  
Round to the nearest 1,000  
Round to the nearest 10, 100 or 1,000

## Number: Addition and Subtraction

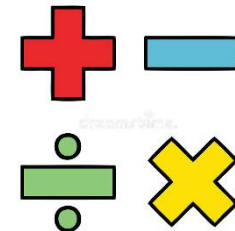
Add and subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s  
Add up to two 4-digit numbers – no exchange  
Add two 4-digit numbers – one exchange  
Add two 4-digit numbers – more than one exchange  
Subtract two 4-digit numbers – no exchange  
Subtract two 4-digit numbers – one exchange  
Subtract two 4-digit numbers – more than one exchange  
Efficient subtraction  
Estimate answers  
Checking strategies

## Measurement: Area

What is area?  
Count squares  
Make shapes  
Compare areas

## Number: Multiplication and division

Multiples of 3  
Multiply and divide by 6  
6 times-table and division facts  
Multiply and divide by 9  
9 times-table and division facts  
The 3, 6 and 9 times-tables  
Multiply and divide by 7  
7 times-table and division facts  
11 times-table and division facts  
12 times-table and division facts  
Multiply by 1 and 0  
Divide a number by 1 and itself  
Multiply three numbers



## ART & DESIGN

### Storytelling through drawing

**Disciplines:** Drawing, Sketchbooks

**Key Concepts:**

- That we can use text within our drawings to add meaning.
- That we can sequence drawings to help viewers respond to our story.
- That we can use line, shape, colour and composition to develop evocative and characterful imagery.

**Artists:** Laura Carlin, Shaun Tan



## COMPUTING

### Computing systems and networks: The Internet

**We will learn:**

- How networks connect.
- What the internet is made of.
- About sharing information on websites.
- What a website is.
- Who owns the web.
- Whether everything we see on the internet is true, honest and accurate.

## DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

### MECHANICAL POSTERS

**We will:**

- Investigate mechanical systems
- Make mechanical systems with levers and linkages.
- Design a mechanical (moving) poster.
- Use prototypes to develop our ideas.
- Select our materials to make the product.
- Evaluate the poster.

## GEOGRAPHY

### All Around the World

**Geographical concepts to be covered:**

- Locational knowledge
- Geographical skills and fieldwork

**We will learn:**

- To identify and broaden our knowledge of the countries of the world.
- To begin to describe a range of countries and their locations.
- To locate and describe places using longitude and latitude.
- To recognise the important 'lines' that delineate specific areas of the Earth, including; the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics.
- To develop and understanding of time zones.

## HISTORY

### The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain

#### Historical Enquiry questions:

*What were some of the most important contributions of the Romans that have helped shape Britain today?*

*What were some of the successes and failures of the Roman Empire?*

#### We will learn:

- How the Roman empire began
- How the Roman army helped the empire to expand.
- How Britain became part of the Roman empire.
- About Boudicca
- What life was like in Roman Britain.
- How we know what life was like.
- What the Romans did for Britain.

## LANGUAGES: FRENCH

### Autumn 1 - Getting to know you

#### We will learn:

- Some of the basics of the French language, recapping and building on our introduction to the language in Year 3.
- To greet each other
- To exchange names
- To ask how someone is
- To count to 10
- To say how old you are.

### Autumn 2 - All about me

#### We will learn:

- To understand and follow simple instructions in French.
- To name parts of the body.
- To identify colours.
- To list items of clothing.



## MUSIC

### Trumpets



#### We will learn:

- To perform music from appropriate notation – recognise and play 4 beat, 2 beat, 1 beat, ½ beat notes and rests.
- To recognise pitch and play different melodies and rhythms – play C, D, E and B on the trumpet and play pieces using a combination of these notes.
- To control their sound quality on the trumpet – be aware of whether they are playing the correct note.
- To understand and demonstrate knowledge of musical vocabulary.
- To count accurately and interpret rests and pauses.
- To perform as part of an ensemble.

## P.E.

### Team Building/ Outdoor Ed Multi-Skills

### Team Games / Invasion Games

#### We will:

- Develop confidence with defending and attacking, focusing on body positioning and movement both on and off the ball.
- Work with others to attack and defend effectively.
- Use larger apparatus, demonstrating control and precision with movements, shapes and rolls, linking longer sequences together.

#### Additionally:

- We will take part in a block of 6 cricket enrichment sessions focusing on the important elements of cricket play (catching, batting, striking and fielding).

## P.S.H.E.

### Autumn 1 - Online Safety

#### We will learn:

- The meaning of 'online privacy' and find out what information is 'personal'.
- To discover the wide range of Internet use and categorise these into positive, negative or both types of usage.
- The importance of age restrictions and limits for particular websites and Apps.
- About gender stereotypes.

### Autumn 2 – Our emotions - Growth Mindset and resilience

#### We will learn:

- To recognise how our emotions can lead to different reactions.
- To understand the meaning of 'self-worth'.
- The importance of demonstrating persistence and resilience.
- About negative persistence and the feeling of overreacting.

## R.E.

### Christianity

#### Unit 25: What kind of world did Jesus want?

##### We will :

- Learn about the concept of 'Gospel' which focuses on the 'Good News' which Christians believe Jesus brings and tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus.
- Learn about the calling of the first disciples and how many Christians today try to follow Jesus.

#### Unit 26: For Christians when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?

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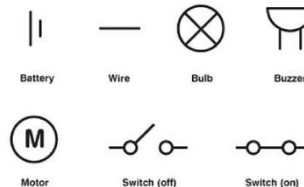
- Develop our understanding of the Easter story from KS1 and find out about the events of Pentecost found in the Bible.
- Consider what it might have meant for the first Christians and what they mean for many Christians today.

## SCIENCE

### Electricity

#### We will:

- Explore electrical appliances and electrical safety.
- Learn about electrical components in a series circuit.
- Investigate electrical circuits.
- Explore conductors and insulators.
- Learn about electrical switches.
- Investigate how electrical components can change within a circuit.



### Sound

#### We will:

- Identify how sounds are made.
- Explore how vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.
- Explore sound insulation.
- Understand and explore the difference between volume and pitch.
- Explore sounds from near and from far.



## AWARENESS AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- The launch of the 'Archie Project' and regular visits to Wellington and Longforth House.
- An in-school workshop provided by Education Earth Science focusing on Biodiversity.
- Weekly cricket enrichment sessions provided by Somerset Cricket.
- An external visit to New Rendy Solar Farm linked to our science topic on 'electricity' and our 'caring for the environment' geography topic.
- An African drumming workshop in school.
- Take part in National Poetry week with an opportunity to celebrate their writing and enter a competition to have it published.
- An opportunity to read, perform and sing at the Harvest Festival and Christmas service at the church.
- An external visit to The Museum of Somerset for a 'Roman Day'.