

Curriculum Overview - Year 4 - Autumn 1 2026

<u>English</u> Text: In our writing lessons this half term, the children will be focusing on the book, 'Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.' After exploring the characters and plot in the book, the children will create their own informal letters and diary entries using the book as inspiration. Reading: This year, the children will continue with their Destination Reader lessons. This half term, we will be reading the book 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. The children will practise using different reading skills including clarifying, questioning, retrieval and prediction. Grammar and punctuation: Year 4 children will reflect on grammar learning from last year before moving onto using fronted adverbials with commas, expanded noun phrases and organising their writing into paragraphs.	<u>Maths</u> Number – The children will identify the place value of numbers up to 1000. They will also identify numbers to 10,000 on a number line. The children will round numbers to 10, 100 and 1000 and they will begin to work with negative numbers. Addition and Subtraction – The children will add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits, including using exchanging. They will consider the most efficient methods to subtract a variety of numbers and give reasons for their choices. The children will also consider how to estimate their answers to addition and subtraction calculations. Measure – The children will identify equivalent lengths using mm, cm and m. They will add and subtract lengths and begin to calculate perimeter.	<u>Science</u> This half term in science, the children will learn that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. The children will explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. The children will also recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things. Key vocabulary: Classify, organisms, invertebrates, vertebrates, classification key, pollution, identify, characteristics
<u>Computing</u> This half term, the children will be learning about using computers to write for different audiences. They will use 2Email and 2Connect on Purple Mash to support them with this.	<u>Geography</u> In Geography lessons, the children will be learning all about rainforests. They will focus on describing a biome, learning the location and some key features of the Amazon rainforest and be able to describe the four layers of tropical rainforests.	<u>Art and Design</u> This half term, the children will be focusing on a topic called 'Power Prints.' During this topic, the children will develop an awareness of proportion, composition and pattern in drawing. They will then develop a drawing into a print.
<u>Religious Education</u> In our RE learning, the children will be learning all about the topic, 'Are Religions Equal?'	<u>PSHE</u> Our PSHE topics in September will be 'Keeping and Staying Safe' and the topic 'Computer Safety.'	<u>PE</u> This half term, the children will be focusing on games. They will consolidate their striking skills and they will also focus on developing their team working skills.
<u>Music</u> The Year 4 music topics for this half term are 'Around the World' and 'Poetry.'	<u>Modern Foreign Languages</u> The children will be continuing with their Spanish lessons in Year 4 in September.	Please remember to read with your child every day at home and sign their reading records!