

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term

Autumn 1 - Where does my food go?

Religious Education	Domestic Church, learning about Jesus' Family Tree. Baptism/Confirmation
Maths	Columnar methods for addition and subtraction, up to tens of thousands and including decimals. Units of measure and money problems. 2 D shape and arithmetic skills for adding and subtraction.
English	Fantasy story (Roald Dahl inspired), Information text writing and explanation text writing (based on digestive system). Poetry based on the magic box. Grammar focus - commas for list, past and present tense and perfect tense. Inverted commas.
Science	Story of what happens to our food once it is eaten; the digestive system. Teeth - types and functions. Animal teeth relating to their eating (carnivore etc) and investigating tooth decay.
PE	Tag Rugby until October half term
Computing	E Safety, using the web as a research tool, Using simple programs such as Word and Excel.
Art and DT	Studying Guiseppe Arcimboldo and his fruit pictures. Sandwich making using Arcimboldo as inspiration.
Music	Pupils are learning to play descant recorder, including tunes such as merrily we roll along. They are listening to a broad variety of orchestral pieces and learning to identify the individual instruments. In music theory they are learning about the notes on the stave and note values. Harvest songs
French	My family

Autumn 2 - Were the dark ages dark?

Religious Education	Baptism/Confirmation - Belonging. World Faith Unit - Judaism - the Holy Books
Maths	Units of measure and money problems. 2 D shape and arithmetic skills for adding and subtraction. Worded problems and using RUCSAC as a tool. Introduction to long multiplication using the four line method.
English	Scandinavian and English myths and legends, Beowulf study. Biography writing and newspaper report writing based on Viking rulers, raids etc. Conjunctions, determiners, expansion of noun phrases.
History	450 - 1100 AD invaders and settlers. Study Sutton Hoo and the Bayeux Tapestry.
Geography	Iceland - physical and human geography. Landscapes made through ice and fire.
PE	Tag Rugby until October half term/gymnastics until Christmas
Art and DT	Tapestry - simple designs and stitches
Music	Continuing to learn descant recorders, expanding range of known notes. Composition - to use Beowulf to inspire a short passage of music using a range of available instruments.
French	

Autumn 3 - Batteries Included.

Religious Education	Advent/Christmas - Loving.
Maths	Fractions of amounts and adding and subtracting of fractions. Worded problems involving fractions, looking again at RUCSAC as a tool. 3 d shapes and types of triangle. Arithmetic skills multiplying and dividing.
English	Fiction writing 'The day the lights went out' learning about the black out. Writing up an investigation. Poetry descriptive writing. Adverbials, direct speech, homophones and verb tenses.
Science	Circuits and insulators
PE	Gymnastics until Christmas
Computing	Scratch to make a game

Art and DT	Christmas decorations/cards that light up. Textures from nature to make Christmas decorations (twigs etc)
Music	Christmas carols from around the world, continuation of recorder playing including Jingle Bells. Musical appreciation - how does the music make you feel? Musical notation theory.
French	Noel