

Year 4 Curriculum Overview 20-21

This document shows coverage for Foundation Stage subjects for the whole academic year. Termly curriculum letters explain how this translates into topics and how the English and maths curriculums will be incorporated.

History

Anglo Saxons

Who were they? Where do they come from, why and where did they settle?

Vikings

Who were the Vikings & why did they attack Britain? What happened at Lindisfarne.

Norse mythology, Viking homes and the Battle of Maldon

World War II

Battle of Britain, Blitz, rationing, evacuation and men & women's changing roles
Significant people – Churchill & Hitler

Modern Languages

All units include speaking, listening, reading and writing with a focus on the correct pronunciation.

Key Skills

Listen to and identify words & short phrases
Ask & answer a range of questions
Memorise and present a short text
Read & understand familiar written phrases
Write some familiar words & phrases from memory

Key Vocabulary

My family & me, weather, shopping & food

Geography

France

Overview of Europe, identifying countries bordering France, seas & oceans.
Weather & climate, focusing on south East inc. comparison with England

Links to Viking/World War II topics

Map of Europe inc. countries, capitals, oceans & seas.
Historical settlements, apply 2 figure grid references to OS map of local area

Science

In all aspects studied to continue to develop skills associated with working scientifically

Living Things

What is a habitat? Food chains and classification keys.
Digestive system, teeth.

States of Matter

Classify according to solid, liquid or gas. Investigate heating & cooling and changes of state. The water cycle inc. evaporation & condensation

Sound

How sounds are made. Investigating amplitude & pitch.

Electricity

Constructing & labelling simple circuits. Investigate common conductors and insulators

Computing

Ongoing development of typing skills

Flowol, and Microsoft programs will be used to teach: Flow diagrams, command boxes, sequencing & debugging. Inserting images & text in Publisher. Cropping images & adding sounds & changing timing for transitions in PowerPoint. Introduction to Excel to create a spreadsheet with simple formulas

E-Safety

Including reporting within websites & how to deal with unpleasant messages

Religious Education

Sikhism – life of Guru Nanak & Gobind Singh
Hinduism – Aum symbol, Trimurti and worship in home & temple
Sequencing the Christian story of Holy Week
Jesus' ministry, baptism, calling of disciples
Comparing sacred books & worship (Christianity & Sikhism)

Life Skills

Health & Wellbeing

Recognising and managing emotions. Managing risk & keeping safe in local environment. Drugs in everyday life

Relationships

Maintain positive friendships, think before we act, know what stereotypes & discrimination mean

Living in the Wider World

Why do we have rules & laws and why they are important for our safety. Understand personal environmental responsibilities

Music

Composition & instruments

Recorder – a, b & g & learning the National Anthem.
Glockenspiel – recapping d,e,f & learning c. Composing own music using note names

Singing & Performance

Develop singing – correct posture & breathing, interrelated dimensions, different types of notes
Year 4 performance Spring Term

Listening & Understanding

Listening to a range of classical pieces linked to Vikings. Appraising range of WWII artists and the impact music had on morale

Design & Technology

Food Tech

Peel, dice, chop, mash stir & mix - potatoes topped bean pie. Exploring seasonality & discussing preferences - crepes.

Construction

Pop up books with a focus on leavers – labelled diagrams, craft knife use
WWII search lights, linking to electricity – exploded diagrams & lego wedo kit

Art

Drawing

Observational drawing using a viewing square, introducing vanishing point, horizon & lines of perspective

Textiles

Sewing – stitch type, joining materials inc, applique

Painting

Claude Monet study, en plein air, water colour techniques

Printing

Impressed and relief blocks - one colour
Printing in two colours – layers & overlaps

Physical Education

Games

Tennis – forehand/back hand & under arm serve
Netball & hockey – accurate passing
Cricket – underarm balling, wicket keeper role & striking from a tee

Gymnastics & Dance

In gym (floor & apparatus) focus on changes in direction & speed within sequences. Incorporating Yr 4 specific rolls & jumps.
English country dancing, partner work to develop motifs & mood. Small group composition

Healthy Lifestyles

Circuit training – effect of exercise of the body

Athletics & Outdoor Adventurous Activities

Running techniques, jumps with varying take off & push throws. Orienteering using 8 pts of compass

Swimming

Developing stroke skills & stamina in swimming