Year 4

Curriculum Map

Term: Autumn 2 (2026-2027)

English

This half term, we will be reading Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling. Our main topic is to explore stories in imaginary worlds. We will be learning how to write exciting descriptions of magical settings and villainous characters, writing a persuasive letter to Albus Dumbledore asking for our own place at Hogwarts and a persuasive advert for a new shop in Diagon Alley.

Grammar

We will continue to use basic punctuation skills and learn how to use conjunctions, apostrophes, past tense and varieties of sentence types.

Spellings / Phonics

We will learn how to spell words with different suffixes (e.g. –sion, -ssion, -tion, -cian) and words spelt with 'ough' before looking at some of the Y4 statutory challenge words.

Maths

This half term, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division before moving to addition and subtraction. We will learn how to multiply by 11, 12 and 7 and add and subtract 4-digit numbers. We will keep revising arithmetic and previous skills during our practice of 'Fluent in 5' and 'Flashback 4'. The children will also practise their times tables in Fast Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars sessions, which are available for the children to be used at home as well.

Science

In Science, we will be learning all about electricity. We will research how and why electricity can be helpful but also dangerous. We will learn all about conductors and insulators as well as finding out how switches work. We will investigate electricity by changing some components in a circuit.

Design and Technology

This term we will be looking at electrical systems. We will use our scientific knowledge to make circuits and then we will design and make our own torches. Once made and tested, we will evaluate our torches.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education & Resiliency

Our topic this half term is 'Identity, Society & Democracy'. The children will learn about Britain as a democratic society; learn that people have opportunities to influence decisions by voting in elections. They will learn about how laws are made and the importance of following them; the contribution and influence that people can have on social and environmental change. In our Resiliency lessons, we will continue to learn how to stay confident, in control and how to cope with our feelings and emotions.

Computing

During our first lesson, we will focus on online safety. Then we will explore our new topic: Hour of Code.
We will create our own Coding Journal in Book Creator; learn how to give instruction to an on-screen sprite; how to use code to animate and learn different computing vocabulary about coding.

Religious Education

Our topic for this half term is: What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? The children will learn what why Diwali is important to Hindus. They will know what the main beliefs of Hinduism are and how they show their faith. They will also compare two religious festivals and celebrations (Diwali and Hanukkah), explaining similarities and differences to understand their significance.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is 'Europe, The Mediterranean (a small contrasting location – Amalfi coast)'. Our main question is – Why is the Amalfi coast a contrasting location to Liverpool? We will learn about the vegetation belts of the world and Mediterranean. We will explore defining features of the Amalfi coast and its economic activity. We will also contrast life on the Amalfi coast and in Liverpool.

Music

We will continue to build upon our guitar skills with our tutor who comes in every week. We will learn more chord shapes and play them along with various backing tracks. We will also discuss and listen to different pieces of music.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

In addition to our own Spanish lessons, we will have a specialist teacher who comes in every Wednesday to teach the children. Children will be continuing to develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Spanish. Our topic is 'Self, Family and Friends'. We will continue to learn how to ask and answer questions, describe hair and eyes and use present tense.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focusing on hockey and rounders. We will learn how to pass, receive and travel with the ball accurately before we apply our skills in a game. In rounders lessons, we will practise jumping, throwing, catching and running and then apply the skills in the game.

PE days: Wednesday and Friday.

Enrichment

We will visit our 4D room to: explore the imaginary settings in English lessons and Amalfi Coast in Geography. Christmas activities include Christmas in the local church and Christmas dinner and Jumper Day.