



Year 4



Curriculum Map

Term: Spring 2 (2025-2026)

English

This half term, we will be reading Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman. Our main topic is to explore stories from other cultures. We will be learning how to write an exciting character description. We will also learn how to write the next chapter for the story. In our reading lessons we will also explore and read different non-fiction texts and poetry.

Grammar

We will continue to use basic and higher-level punctuation skills in our writing. We will learn and revisit different word classes; learn how to use commas for clauses; learn how to use fronted adverbials effectively. We will also revisit the punctuation rules for direct speech.

Spellings / Phonics

We will learn how to spell words with 'sc', 'ce', 'ci' and word families based on common words and challenge words.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on fractions and shapes. We will learn how to identify fractions on a number line, how to find equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions. We will also learn how to identify angles and turns, how to compare and order angles. Later this half term, we will also learn about different triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons and lines of symmetry.

Science

This half term, our topic is Sound. We will be learning how to recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear. We will learn how to find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. Also, we will find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it. Working scientifically, we will set up practical enquiries; use observations; gather, record, present our data and report on findings from enquiries. We will also be learning about Emily Lazar.

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education & Resiliency

This half term our topic is Drug, alcohol and tobacco education – Making choices. We will learn that there are drugs (other than medicines) that are common in everyday life, and why people choose to use them. We will discuss the effects and risks of drinking alcohol. We will learn about different patterns of behaviour that are related to drug use and that medicines can be used to manage and treat medical conditions such as asthma, and that it is important to follow instructions for their use. In our Resiliency lessons, we focus on our well-being and how to cope with our feelings and emotions.

Religious Education

Our topic for this half term is: Why is Jesus inspiring to some people? We will learn what the word 'inspiring' means. We will learn about Jesus' life story, his inspiring actions and teachings. We will explore who is inspiring for us, our friends and why.

Design and Technology

Our topic for this half term is Food: Scouse. We will revisit the principles of a healthy and varied diet. We will design our own healthy scouse by creating labelled drawings to explain how our scouse will be made. We will follow a recipe and learn how to change smell, appearance and taste; prepare the ingredients for the scouse by cutting and shaping using appropriate tools, whilst always working safely and hygienically.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is 'Water: In what ways do we experience the water cycle?' We will learn how the water cycle works; its positives and negatives and how humans experience it; how Liverpool's water is stored and supplied; how and where in the UK water can be used to create energy. We will explore different ways how land is used next to water.

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 sing and play various rhythm games in order to develop our musical skills further.

Computing

This half term, our topic is 'Dinosaurs'. We will learn how to use a 'green screen' and add titles to a practice run. We will write a script for a group production and create a storyboard. We will plan a storyboard sequence of events for filming. We will work on a production with stop start discussion of progress.

Modern Foreign Languages - Spanish

This half term, in addition to our own Spanish lessons, we have a specialist teacher who comes in every Wednesday to teach the children. We will continue to revise and learn about 'The World around Us'. Children will continue to learn how to describe weather; how to say months and describe different seasons.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be focusing on dance and rounders. We will learn how to throw and catch the ball accurately, how to move quickly, how to work as part of a team and follow basic rules. In Dance, we will learn how to use different moves and positions for a class dance routine. We will perform the class dance routine at the end of this unit. PE days: Wednesday and Friday.

Enrichment

We will celebrate World Book Day and Science Week. We will be taught Dance by the professional coach in our PE lessons.