



Year 4 Autumn Term 2025-2026

Science

This term we will be studying 'States of Matter'. Children will learn to compare and group materials together according to whether they are solids or liquids. We will be observing how materials change state when they are heated or cooled and researching the temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) at which materials change state. We will then learn about the digestive system and teeth in our animals including humans topic.

Geography

In this half term, year 4 will be focusing on fieldwork. Children will be able to locate and describe some human and physical features of the UK using geographical vocabulary. Children will identify and sequence a range of settlement sizes from villages to cities. Children will use maps to follow routes, locate places and begin to use a four figure grid reference to identify features on a map.

History

Year 4 will be studying The Romans and thinking about the impact they had on Britain and our lives today. We will look at the events of 'Boudicca's Rebellion' from different perspectives.

R.S.H.E

In our Journey in Love sessions this half term, we will be learning about how God loves us as we show how everyone should be accepted and respected.

Computing

This term we will be studying computer systems and networks to understand that software can be used collaboratively online to work as a team. Children will learn to know what type of comments and suggestions on a collaborative document can be helpful. Then we will move on to programming using scratch.

Music and Spanish

In music children will learn a variety of songs focusing on dynamics, their vocal techniques and their vocal health. They will have weekly choral singing lessons and ukulele lessons.

In Spanish they will be learning how to speak about themselves, their family and friends.

P.S.H.E.

In our My Happy Mind sessions, children will be learning about the foundations of their brain. Children will explore the three key parts of their brain and how they work together when decision making. Then we will learn how to celebrate our strengths.

English

Our focus text for English this half term is 'The Lion, The Unicorn and other hairy tales. Our writing, grammar and punctuation activities will be based around the book. Then we will be reading One Plastic Bag. We are also reading The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. Each day, we will work on our reading skills looking at different extracts from a variety of different genres. We also work hard to improve our spellings and handwriting.

Mathematics

This term we are learning to recognise the place value of each digit in a four-digit number (thousands, hundreds, tens, and ones). We will be rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Then we will learn addition and subtraction.

Art and Design Technology

Our topic this half term in Art is drawing. Children will analyse drawings and explore shadow through the use of tone. They will experiment with crosshatching and apply this technique to their own still life artwork. In D/T will be designing and making a pen tidy structure.

Religious Education – To know You more clearly

We will be following the programme recommended by the archdiocese. We begin by looking at creation and covenant. Then we will be studying prophecy and promise. Each lesson we will be looking closely at scripture to understand God's word and how we can live our lives following in Jesus' footsteps.

Physical Education

P.E. this term will be on Monday and Thursdays – Children can come to school wearing their full school PE kits. We will be focusing lessons on Yoga and fundamental movement skills. Moving on to gymnastics and dance later in the term.

Homework

We will continue to use our homework menus (please turn over for this).

Children also have logins for doodle maths and reading plus.

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible and write a comment in their reading record book.

Spellings will be sent home on Mondays – please encourage your child to learn them. Books must be brought back each week on Thursdays.

A gentle reminder that children should arrive to school with a water bottle filled with only water to encourage them to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Harkin, Mrs Smith and Miss Vaughan