Year 4 Curriculum map ~ Autumn 1 2026

Welcome back!

I hope you enjoyed your summer break and are excited to begin Year 4! We are excited to begin our year with our topic: Who were the Anglo Saxons and how did they change Britain? We are going to have such a busy half term, researching lots of interesting facts and learning how to become good Year 4 citizens!

Things to remember:

Children need to remember their swimming things on a Tuesday and PE kit on Monday. Homework will be set on a Monday and will include weekly spellings, a maths sheet and an English sheet. Daily reading is also part of their homework and should be recorded in the reading record Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars are optional homework. We will be having a drive on times tables throughout the year so any TT Rockstars practise will benefit the children.

English

Firstly, we will be reading Anglo Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman. The children will be writing a character description based on the main character, a setting description and later a diary entry.
We will also be focussing on joined handwriting and letter formation to make all our work well presented.

DT— Children will be learning about different fastenings and what the advantages to them are. The final piece is going to be a book sleeve. Children will measure a book, and decide on their fastening. They will design their book sleeve. The next step will be to make a paper template of their design using A3 paper. They will then fasten the seams of their book sleeve and add in their fastening. Thinking about where the fasten needs to be on both sides of the sleeve.

PSHE -

Children are learning about friendships. We will be discussing shared interests. Children will share positive attributes that they can recognise in a friend. They will be thinking about what trustworthy means in a friend, and consider a poem looking at this,.

Computing— Collaborative learning

In our computing lessons, children will learn about working collaboratively in a responsible and considerate way as well as looking at a range of collaborative tools. They will develop an understanding of the benefits of working together and how the internet provides opportunities to work together.

RE- How do ancient stories influence modern celebrations?

Children will learn about the ancient stories that underpin festivals of light from Judaism, Sikhism, Hindu Dharma, Christianity, Paganism and Ancient Civilisations. They will explore how these ancient stories have influenced how people celebrate in modern times. During the unit, children will consider how the festivals use light as a representation of hope, joy, remembrance and reflection.

Science - How can living things be grouped and classified?

Children will be discussing the features of the different groups including mammals, bird, fish and amphibians.
Children will learn about vertebrates and invertebrates and which groups have invertebrates
We will then be looking at how we can classify living things and practise our classifying keys.

PE -

Year 4 will be going swimming at Tong. Children will walk up to Tong. They will be learning a number of strokes including back stroke and breast stroke. They will also enjoy playing a range of competitive sports with Mr Myers on a Monday.

Maths -

Children will represent numbers to 1,000 extending this to numbers to 10,000. Children will represent numbers in a part-whole model and identify missing parts and wholes. They will also use number lines and place value grids to represent numbers. Roman numerals and rounding to the nearest 120, 100 and 1,000 will also be covered.

History:

We will be learning about the Anglo Saxons this half term. Children will think about why the Anglo Saxons came to Great Britain and where the tribes came from.
We will learn about the lives of the Anglo Saxons and the beliefs

Foreign Language: French

Phonetics—In this unit pupils will learn a selection of the key phonemes to facilitate accurate and authentic pronunciation as part of their language learning experience.