

The Year 4 Curriculum at a Glance – Autumn Term 2025



Here are the subjects your child will be taught and some ways that you can help.

Key Subjects

English

This term, pupils will start the term looking at the book 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. Children will then read a range of texts including 'Ancient Rome' and 'The Secrets of Vesuvius (Roman Mysteries)'. We will look at writing a narrative (focusing on description), a newspaper report, a diary entry and designing a brochure. We will also write poetry based on Rome and Pompeii.

In grammar and punctuation lessons, pupils will learn about word classes such as nouns, verbs and adjectives; they will be introduced to adverbial phrases and learn to use a range of punctuation, including commas and inverted commas for when writing speech. The children will also learn about choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity, cohesion and to avoid repetition.

Mathematics

Pupils will be learning about place value, ordering numbers up to and beyond 1000 and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. Other topics covered this term include addition, subtraction, multiplication and measures (area). These are then applied to solving real-life word problems, using appropriate operations and methods. Pupils will be practising all times tables to 12, in readiness for the government test in June.

How you can help

Read regularly with your child and discuss the book read. Help them with their times tables and number bonds. Always check that they have completed their homework.

Humanities

Geography – Locate countries in the UK and find out about Volcanoes.

History – The Roman Impact on Britain: Was Roman Britain more Diverse than Modern Britain?

RE – Beliefs and Practices (Judaism); Christmas (Christianity). Our 'Big Questions' for autumn term are: 'How special is the relationship Jews have with God?' and 'What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?'

How you can help – Find out any additional information about The Romans.

French – Nouns and genders. Adjectives. Christmas Celebration.

PSHE- Introduction to Jigsaw. Topic 1-Being Me In My World. Topic 2 – Celebrating Differences.

Sciences

Science – Living Things and their Habitats; Animals including humans

Computing – Online Safety, Animation, Effective searching, Coding-de-bugging computer programs and creating a virtual game using Purple Mash.

How you can help – Always be aware of what your child is doing on a computer and use adult filters.

Encourage them to research topics using online sources effectively or make a PowerPoint about what they are studying.

Arts

Art – Roman Pottery – Study and create own Roman vases with patterns on from clay.

Music – Poetry. Performance of contrasting poems. Create ostinato – link to English. Environment- How the environment inspired composer Vivaldi – link to Science

PE – Autumn 1 - Invasion games (Football, Basketball) and Autumn 2 - Hockey and Gymnastics.

D&T – Making a Roman Catapult.

How you can help – Encourage your child to research catapult designs. Why were they effective?

Other Information

PE Information – PE is taught by our fully qualified sports coaches - Mr Stock and Mr Vijay. 4S will have PE every Monday and Tuesday, 4J will have PE every Tuesday and Friday, 4I & 4MD will have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Homework Information – Children will receive 1 piece of English, Maths, and a Reading Comprehension every week.

- Reading every day with an adult for approximately 10-15 minutes recorded in your child's reading record on boom reader.
- Spellings (10 words given and tested every week). Given on a Friday, tested the following Friday.

Additional research projects or tasks related to topic may occasionally be set

Online learning will be expected: IXL; Boom Readers/Go Read; Times Tables Rock Stars

Homework will be set on a Friday and due back in the following Friday.