



Year 4 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

Subjects	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
	<u>Autumn 1</u> Theme: Ancient Egypt	<u>Autumn 2</u> Theme: Europe (special focus on France)	<u>Spring 1</u> Theme: The Industrial Revolution	<u>Spring 2</u> Theme: Living things and their habitats	<u>Summer 1</u> Theme: Anglo Saxons	<u>Summer 2</u> Theme: Natural Resources and Energy
English / writing opportunities	Narrative: <i>The Tale of Tutankhamun's Treasure</i> by Alex Woolfe Diary writing Descriptive writing: settings/ modified and expanded noun phrases) Poetry: Nature Haikus (linked to Nature Walk)	Narrative: <i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by C.S Lewis (narrative recount [including speech writing], setting descriptions) Non-Fiction: Non-Chronological reports Sound Collector poetry (linked to Science topic)	Narrative: <i>The Firework Maker's Daughter</i> by Phillip Pullman (Story writing - narrative) Non-Fiction: Industrial revolution (non-chronological reports) Link to Black Country Living Museum trip (or look at Blists Hill, Ironbridge) Poetry: Hamilton Trust Unit: Narrative Poetry writing <i>Willow Pattern</i> by Tony Mitton; <i>How the Tortoise Got His Shell</i> by Judith Nicholls; <i>You Wait till I'm Older than you</i> (Poetry Anthology) by Michael Rosen	Narrative: <i>Masha and the Firebird</i> written by Anne Wilson and Margaret Bateson-Hill Descriptive Narratives: setting and character <i>Varjak Paw</i> by S.F Said Dialogue and then a non-chronological report (non-fiction).	Narrative: Myths and Legends (link to Anglo Saxons). <i>Beowulf</i> by Michael Morpurgo. Non-Fiction: Explanation text (linked to Year 4 science topics)	Poetry: <i>Albert and the Lion</i> by Marriott Edgar (Speaking and Listening - Performance Poetry) Narrative: <i>The Tiger Rising</i> by Kate DiCamillo (Character Descriptions) Poetry: Kennings (Hamilton Trust Unit). <i>Cleopatra</i> by Sue Cowling; <i>Tiger</i> by Usha Kishore; <i>Squirrel</i> by Sue Cowling
Guided Reading	<i>The Tale of Tutankhamun's Treasure</i> by Alex Woolfe Non-chronological texts (Ancient Egypt) <i>The Magic Pencil</i> by Malala Yousafzai (read as storytime or in Life Learning linked to British Values week) Wangari Maathai (Black History Month)	<i>The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe</i> by C S Lewis Europe (CGP KS2 non-fiction textbook) used with VIPERS	<i>The Firework Maker's Daughter</i> by Phillip Pullman <i>You Wouldn't Want to be a Victorian Miner</i> by David Salariya and John Malam A selection of other non-fiction texts based on mining in Shropshire and animals used in mines. Narrative Poetry: <i>The Dragon Who Ate our School</i> by Nick Toczek; <i>Maggie and the Dinosaur</i> by Dave Ward	<i>Masha and the Firebird</i> written by Anne Wilson and Margaret Bateson-Hill <i>Varjak Paw</i> by S.F Said	<i>Beowulf</i> by Michael Morpurgo Myths and Legends (variety of tales) including <i>The Little Mermaid</i> by Hans Christian Andersen and <i>Theseus and the Minotaur</i>. <i>Albert and the Lion</i> by Marriott Edgar The Anglo Saxons (CGP non-fiction textbook) used with VIPERS	<i>The Tiger Rising</i> by Kate DiCamillo Explanation texts (linked to Year 4 Science and Geography topics)
Mathematics	Number and Place Value Addition and Subtraction (mental and written methods) Multiplication and Division (facts and mental methods) Geometry: describing and classifying shapes		Number and Place Value Addition and Subtraction (estimation and accuracy) Multiplication and Division (mental and written methods) Fractions: solving problems and decimals		Number and Place Value: Roman numerals Addition and Subtraction (solving problems) Multiplication and division (solving problems including correspondence problems)	

	Measurement Addition and Subtraction (written methods) Number and Place Value (negative numbers) Multiplication and Division (written methods) Fractions Geometry: position and direction Statistics Measurement: Time		Measurement: perimeter and area Geometry: symmetry, angles, properties of shape Addition and subtraction (written methods including money) All four operations: factor pairs/laws of arithmetic Geometry: position and direction Statistics: solve problems from data		Fractions: decimal and fractions in the context of measurements Measurement Geometry: symmetry All four operations: written methods Number and Place Value: negative and positive numbers Geometry: properties of shape Statistics: represent and interpret data	
Science	States of Matter	Sound	Electricity	Living Things and their Habitats	Animals Including Humans	Animals Including Humans
History	Ancient Egyptians / ancient Civilizations		Victorians / Industrial Revolution		Anglo Saxons	
Geography		France		Climate Zones		Natural Resources and Energy
Art	Egyptian Statues Sketching and Sculpture			Pop Art Printing and Collage		Seascapes Drawing and Painting
D&T		Cooking - Curry (RE link)	Torches (links to electricity and miners)		Sewing (Anglo Saxon purses)	
RE	Unit 25 What kind of world did Jesus want? Christianity	Bespoke unit: Why are the 5Ks important for Sikh people? Sikhism	Bespoke unit: What do Sikh values tell us about how to care? Langar focus Sikhism	Unit 28 Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died 'Good Friday'? Christianity	Unit 26 For Christians, when Jesus left; what was the impact of Pentecost? Christianity	Unit 30 How and why do people mark the significant events of life? Christianity, Sikhism (supplement), non-religious
Computing	The Internet	Audio editing	Repetition in shapes	Data logging	Photo editing	Repetition in games
Music	Charanga - Lean on me	Singing - Christmas focus	Ukulele	Ukulele	Charanga - Recorder	Charanga - Recorder (Mamma Mia)
Life Learning/RSE	Being Responsible (incl The Working World)	Computer Safety	Feelings and Emotions	A world without judgement	Keeping and Staying Healthy	Growing and Changing First Aid (part of HLW) Keeping and Staying Safe (Cycle safety)
MFL - French	Questions and Answers Animals and colours		Days and months Weather		Clothes (focus on masculine, feminine and plural)	

PE	Gymnastics Tag Rugby	Gymnastics Basketball	Dance Hockey	Badminton Athletics	Dodgeball Tennis	Fitness Quicksticks Hockey
Forest School	Link to Science Nature Walk link to Haiku poetry		English link - Den building/ Winter landscapes Art link - drawing Fire	Link to Science - Minibeast species and plant survey (classification)	Fire	
Visits/ Visitors / 'Wow' moments	Ancient Egypt Day	Trip TBC	Black Country Living Museum	Wolverhampton Art Gallery Virtual Reality Workshop - linked to Climate Zones (Geography) Easter Experience - Telford Minster	Anglo-Saxon workshop	Go Ape trip