

Year 4 – Summer 1 Curriculum Map

Overview of topics:

Anglo-Saxons & Vikings, Living Things & Their Habitats, Mini-Greenhouses & Pentecost.

Maths: In Maths, Year 4 will be developing their mathematical fluency through comparing and creating equivalent fractions, recognising and using factor pairs and solving problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two digit numbers by one digit, integer scaling problems and harder correspondence problems. We will also be practising our times tables through weekly tests, as well as completing weekly maths homework.

History: In History, we will be looking at the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. During our lessons, we'll be looking in detail at the Viking raids and invasions, the resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan, Danegeld, Anglo-Saxon laws and justice and Edward the Confessor and his death in 1066. We'll also have the opportunity to visit the Chiltern Open Air Museum where costumed interpreters will engage with us to bring different aspects of the Anglo-Saxon era to life.

English: In English, we will be looking at explanation texts, where we will be focusing on a range of skills, including: evaluating texts for their appeal on the intended audience, summarising the main ideas of texts and evaluating the effectiveness of our own and others' writing and suggesting improvements. We will also be covering Year 4 grammar in detail, focusing on using single clause sentences and multi-clause sentences (using coordinating conjunctions), and multi-clause sentences (using subordinating conjunctions), and using fronted adverbials and commas. Reading and spelling homework will be issued each week to support learning. Please encourage your child to read with you regularly at home and ask them to tell you about what they have read.

Science: In Science, Year 4 will be studying 'Living Things & their Habitats', where we will be exploring a variety of ways to identify, sort, group and classify living things. We'll learn how animals are split into 'vertebrates' and 'invertebrates' and begin to consider the differences between living things within these classifications. We'll also create classification keys to group, identify and name living things from the local habitat and beyond.

RE: In our RE lessons we will be exploring the Christian festival of Pentecost, focusing on how it signifies the beginning of the Christian Church and exploring the Christian idea of the Holy Spirit.

PSHE: In our PSHE sessions we have been using the Jigsaw scheme of work to discuss 'Relationships'. This will help us explore what healthy relationships look like and how to make good friendships.

Computing: This term, we will develop our understanding of programming by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. This is the first of two programming units we'll look at which focuses on repetition and loops within programming.

PE: Our PE sessions will take place on a Monday with Premier Sports who will be covering a range of fun activities and teaching us about the importance of physical exercise.

Art/Design and Technology, Music: In DT, we will be looking at greenhouses and working towards creating our own. We will be exploring the purpose of a greenhouse and which materials would be most effective when making one.

In Music, we will be studying and performing activities based around the song 'Blackbird', a melodic song by The Beatles.