



Medium Term Planning

Year 4

Spring 2026 First Half Term



English	Mathematics
We will start 2026 by reading and drawing inspiration for our writing from the book <i>'The Explorer'</i> . Our fiction unit involves writing a setting description. We will also be exploring and writing about the life cycles of animals. Pupils will complete daily reading, handwriting and spelling sessions, whilst grammar and punctuation will be taught during the transcription element of English lessons.	In our Maths lessons we will deepen our understanding of multiplication and division and continue to prepare for the times table check with lots of times table practice. We will learn both mental and written methods for multiplying 2- and 3-digits numbers by a single digit number. Year 4 will also focus on shape, learning about area and how to find it.
Art & Design	Computing
We will be exploring pointillism whilst painting. Pupils will mix paints to create secondary and tertiary colours and use pointillist techniques to create shading. We are excited to produce a range of fantastic paintings.	Year 4 will develop their programming and debugging skills using Scratch. They will learn how to programme a sprite using inputs and include variables in Scratch to add features such as scoring systems.
Design & Technology	Geography
This term pupils we will utilise the knowledge they developed during our electricity science lessons to create a torch. We will identify the features of torches, describe how they work and use this knowledge to produce a design criterion to inform the creation of our own torches.	This term we will be exploring the topic of <i>'World Time Zones'</i> . Pupils will be able to identify and describe the significance of lines of latitude and longitude. We will understand why we need time zones and use Digimap to find the coordinates of cities around the world.
History	Music
This half term we will learn all about The Viking Raid of Lindisfarne. The children will understand how Anglo-Saxon Britain was created and ruled. Before delving into exploring the causes, events and consequences of the Viking's raid at Lindisfarne. This will culminate with a field trip to Holy Island.	To continue our musical development, Year 4 will use a chime bar to consider notation and rhythm reading. As a class we will utilise Charanga to practice a range of songs together. Pupils will also have the opportunity to improvise and perform individually.
Personal Social Health & Citizenship Education (PSHCE)	Physical Education (PE)
We will commence our weekly PHSE lessons with important discussions about online safety. Our PHSE focus for this half term is <i>'Safety'</i> . Pupils will consider the risks associated with tobacco, the benefits of being a non-smoker and understand what asthma is and how we could help someone having an asthma attack.	Our focus in PE lessons this half term is ball skills. Pupils will practice a range of throwing techniques and develop their catching skills. We are looking forward to taking part in a range of team games. We are excited to utilise our enhanced throwing and catching skills during the second half of spring term.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
In the first half of our spring term, we will focus on the question <i>'Just how important are our beliefs?'</i> . Pupils will engage with religious views, ceremonies and scriptures from a range of religions to explore how individuals express the commitment to their beliefs.	This half term we will be studying <i>'States of Matter'</i> . Pupils will be able to identify and group materials as solids, liquids or gases based upon their properties. They will also explore how states of matter can be changed and the different stages of the water cycle.
In KS2 we learn French in our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum (MFL)	
Year 4 children will learn how to converse in French and share how old they are and where they live. They will also be able to ask others for this information. We will begin each lesson by revising key greetings and questions.	