

Medium Term Planning

Year 4

Autumn 2026 First Half Term

English	Mathematics
Pupils will begin this academic year reading <i>Stitch Head</i> in English and as their class read. We will use inspiration from this novel to create our own character descriptions. Pupils will start each day with a daily reading lesson developing their comprehension skills. We will also focus on handwriting, spellings and grammar, including extending sentences with clauses, selecting appropriate nouns or pronouns for clarity and cohesion and using a wide range of conjunctions effectively.	Year 4 will begin by delving deep into place value which ensures they recognise and represent numbers up to 1000. They will be able to partition, round, compare and place numbers along a number line. Once embedded, we will focus on addition and subtraction, developing a range of strategies, including using column methods. We will work hard throughout the year to ensure Times Tables knowledge is secure and ready for the Multiplication Check.
Art & Design	Computing
Pupils will begin their Art and Design journey this year by working with clay. They will develop understanding of vases, critiquing and assessing a variety of design features. They will make a portfolio of ideas before creating their own clay vase suitable to house flowers.	We will focus on e-safety during our first half term. We will identify how to approach the online world responsibly and respectfully; including recognising and understanding what is acceptable or unacceptable behaviour and how to report issues.
Design & Technology	Geography
Next half term, we will learn about cooking and nutrition. We will start by taste testing a range of biscuits! Pupils will be tasked with adapting a basic biscuit recipe in order to create their own version, using alternative ingredients, whilst also learning how to manage a budget.	Next half term, we will learn all about the Rivers of the World (including The Water Cycle). Pupils will locate and describe the human and physical features of the world's rivers using the Digimap app. They will also learn about Fair Trade and sustainability.
History	Music
This half term, pupils will study The Northeast Ship Building Industry. They will learn about its scale and global impact. They will focus on Swan Hunter, analysing their work and aftereffects.	Our unit this half term is centred around 'This Little Light of Mine'. Pupils will learn how to sing in a gospel style, whilst exploring expression and dynamics and improvising with the pentatonic scale.
Personal Social Health & Economic Education (PSHE)	Physical Education (PE)
Our topic this half term is ' <i>Family and Relationships</i> '. We will learn the variety of family types, demonstrating respect and understanding. We will also explore how actions and behaviour impacts those around us; stereotypes; bereavement and the physical and emotional boundaries in friendships.	We will focus on developing our flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance during gymnastics PE lessons this half term. Pupils will practice performing a range of jumps, leaps and balances with and without apparatus.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
During Autumn 1, we will explore the question ' <i>Are all religions equal?</i> ' Pupils will discuss the origins of various religions, linking their geographical and historical connections among different worldviews. We will learn about Sikh and Baha'i beliefs and practices.	Year 4 will discover how the digestive system works through interactive, messy and fun scientific models. We will also learn about human and animal teeth. Additionally, pupils will explore food chains and be able to recognise producers, predators and prey.
In KS2 we learn French in our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum (MFL)	
We will commence our French learning in Year 4 by exploring ' <i>Les Saisons</i> '. Pupils will be able to communicate the four seasons in French, recall a short phrase and share their favourite season using reasoning and conjunctions.	