



RADFORD SEMELE

CoFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

A family of learners expecting the best

May we have
life to the full
John 10:10

Year 4 Termly Overview

Autumn 2026

I hope you have had a lovely summer and are excited to be back! I hope you find our termly overview useful. Here you will find a brief overview of what we will be covering in school this term. Have a look at our knowledge organisers on our class and curriculum webpages for more detail! If you have any further questions, please email me!

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Values and Ethos

Our school vision is "A family of learners expecting the best", underpinned by our Bible quote from John 10:10: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full". Every child is valued as an individual at our friendly and welcoming school. We foster a love of learning, make lasting memories and take pride in achieving educational excellence. At Radford Semele, we also focus on supporting children to become kind, generous and responsible members of society. Our school vision and school values are at the heart of all that we do. Our values are taught through collective worship, are woven through our curriculum and underpin our Behaviour Policy.

We have six school values - respect, creativity, perseverance, forgiveness, responsibility and generosity.



English

In our English lessons we will be developing our:

- Reading skills, including vocabulary, inference, predictions, explanations, retrieval and summarising.
- Speaking and listening skills with focus on oracy embedded through our curriculum.
- Spelling (see our spelling rules on our class page!)
- Handwriting
- Writing. We will learn about different genres and produce writing inspired by our key texts this term: 'The Sword in the Stone', 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' and 'Beowulf'.
- Grammar including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, prepositions, nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.



Music

We will take part in weekly music lessons:

Autumn 1: In this unit, we will learn all about 'Rock and Roll'. We will sing and perform the hand jive, play the notes of the walking bass in the correct sequence and begin to play our parts independently with awareness of other performers.

Autumn 2: In the second half term, we will learn more about changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics. We will practise singing in harmony with others and develop breath control. We will also perform a vocal ostinato in time and create an ostinato and represent it on paper.

PE

We have 2 hours of PE every week.

During the autumn term, we will take part in swimming lessons every Wednesday afternoon (beginning on 09.09.26). Don't forget to bring your swimming kit each week and a towel!

We will then have PE in school on Tuesday afternoon as part of masterclass with our new specialist PE coach, Jacob. Please make sure your child keeps their PE kit in school in their locker. We will send it home at the end of the half term or if it gets very dirty! In our PE lessons, we will be learning all about tennis and creating gymnastics sequences.



DT

As part of our Masterclass sessions, pupils will take part in Design and Technology cooking lessons, where they will learn about healthy eating and develop basic food preparation skills. Children will explore the importance of a balanced diet, understanding the role of different food groups including fruits and vegetables, carbohydrates, dairy, protein and fats. Pupils will also learn about seasonality and the benefits of eating local, seasonal foods, including better taste, lower cost and a reduced environmental impact.

Art

We will have an art lesson every week in Autumn 1 as part of masterclass with our art specialist teacher Mrs Blackwell.

Our art lessons are linked to our theme. Children will discover the breadth of art and design created in Anglo Saxon times and how these were often status symbols. We will look at what artefacts tell us about the period and design and make their own brooch and coat of arms. We will recreate the same design in imprint and relief to compare the challenges each provides.

Computing

We take part in weekly computing lessons. In Autumn 1, we will learn all about word processing skills. In Autumn 2, we will find out more about the internet including connecting networks, sharing information and what a website is.

Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, times tables recall, fractions, statistics, money, measures and time.

We will embed times tables recall through daily practice through a variety of different activities and games to support the children in rapid recall.

PSHE

We have a weekly PSHE lesson. This term, we will be learning all about:

Autumn 1- Rights, rules & responsibilities. In this unit, children will begin to identify the difference between their wants and needs. They will be introduced to the idea of rights and why these are important. They will learn that rights come with responsibilities and that these responsibilities affect their actions at home and at school.

Autumn 2- My emotions. This unit will help develop children's understanding and recognition of their own emotions and those of others, including how we might express those feelings. They will explore ways to deal with different emotions and will learn how they might manage very strong emotions and how they might cope with feeling overwhelmed.

Spanish

In our weekly Spanish lessons, we will find out more about vocabulary linked to fruits and vegetables. Pupils will learn 10 fruits and be introduced to the simple opinions 'I like' and 'I do not like'. They will have the knowledge and skills to be able to say which fruits they like and do not like in Spanish. They will also learn 10 common vegetables in their plural form with their definite articles. They will learn the basic language required to take part in a role-play activity based on buying different quantities of vegetables from a market stall.

Science

We have a weekly science lesson. In science, we will be finding out more about states of matter and animals including humans during autumn term. In our states of matter unit, we will learn about solids, liquids, gases, melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. We will also explore the processes involved in the water cycle. In our animals including humans topic, we will learn about the digestive system, herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will also explore what producers, consumers and predator and prey are and how they contribute to different food chains in the world around us.



Theme (History/Geography)

Our theme this term is called 'Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings'.

This theme is a history focus! In our history lessons, we will begin by learning all about the Scots and Anglo-Saxons and why they settled in Britain. The children will learn more about their beliefs and the introduction of Christianity as well as finding out what we can learn from the discovery at Sutton Hoo. The children will then move on to the Vikings and their life before finally discovering what happened in 1066.

RE

We have weekly RE lessons. In Autumn 1, we will find out about the big question 'How might your worldview lead you to do hard things for good reasons?' Children will explore the idea of sacrifice and hard choices including learning more about fasting and giving something up for example in Ramadan or Lent. They will also find out about the importance of charity and pilgrimage in some worldviews.

In Autumn 2, we will build upon what we learnt in Year 3 all about The Trinity thinking more about the concept that God is one being that exists in three equal parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Looking for more ways to help at home? Here are some additional things you may wish to practise:

- Practise all of the times tables up to 12 x 12 by testing your child in the car, singing songs or playing fun games at home. There are also lots of online times table games, including on Times Table Rockstar (please ask for your child's log in details!) if you have access to a device at home.
- Search for the 'Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings' and practise some of these words at home.
- Consolidate telling the time using a 12 and 24 hour clock.
- See if you can research online or find some books in the library all about the Anglo-Saxons, Scots and Vikings.
- Linking to our science, see if you can spot any changes of matter in the home (eg looking for condensation in the bathroom after a bath or shower or melting/freezing in the kitchen!).
- Practise using our Spanish words for vegetables at home when having dinner and see if you can teach the rest of your family!



Year 4 weekly homework expectation:

- Read with an adult at least 5 times per week. Please ensure your child's reading diary records when they read at home and is signed by a parent/carer.
- Complete 5-10 minutes of times table practice at least 5 times per week (this could be orally, through games, using online practice such as Times Table Rockstars or by reviewing your child's 99 Club results sheet together). In Year 4, we consolidate the times tables learnt in Year 2 (2s, 5s and 10s) and those learnt in Year 3 (3s, 4s and 8s) and then move on to learning the remaining tables up to 12 x 12 (6s, 7s, 9s, 11s, 12s).

Additional Homework (Optional)

For those parents who wish to further extend their child's learning at home, each class webpage will include the following, which can be accessed at any time to support parents with home-learning:

- Reading Activities – Tasks to help children reflect on the books they've read and develop a love of reading. These can be sent into school and shared during our weekly library session. We have included enough activities if you would like to select one per week.
- Spellings – You will find all of the spelling words and rules your child will learn on their class page. These words will constantly be practised and revisited throughout the year including at the start of each lesson. This regular practise will replace our weekly spelling test. You will also have access to the Spelling Shed app for fun, online practice to consolidate their spellings.
- Maths – A selection of key maths concepts and arithmetic skills to practise at home, plus Times Table Rockstar logins for interactive practice. Use the 'Times Tables' link on the class page to find additional resources and ways to help support the learning of times tables at home.