



# Year 4 Termly Overview

## Autumn 2025

I hope you have had a lovely summer and are excited to be back! I hope you find our new 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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### 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.

### Maths

In maths this term, we will be focussing on:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Times tables recall
- Fractions
- Statistics
- Money
- Measures
- 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.

### 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

This term, we have a weekly music lesson with Mr Hudson, our music specialist, as part of masterclass in both Autumn 1 and Autumn 2. This term, we will...

**Autumn 1:** Learn about the music of South America, performing a salsa style piece in 2 parts from staff notation and adding their own improvisations on tuned and untuned percussion.

**Autumn 2:** Learn about the key features of gamelan music from Indonesia, and play a gamelan inspired piece in two parts on tuned percussion using staff notation.

## 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 10.09.25). Don't forget to bring your swimming kit each week and a towel!

We will then have PE in school on Thursday afternoons. 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 keeping fit in our 'Mighty Movers' unit and creating gymnastics sequences.



## DT

In Autumn 2, we will take part in a weekly DT lesson. In this unit, we will be researching, designing, creating and evaluating torches. We will be creating a functional torch which we can bring home and use. We will explore how circuits are created and how they can be complete or incomplete and use this scientific knowledge to inform our DT creations.

## Art

We will have an art lesson every week in Autumn 2 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 take part in 'Computer Programming' masterclass with Miss Conroy and will learn all about debugging and finding errors and fixing them when coding. In Autumn 2, we will be learning all about the Internet! We will learn what the Internet and find out more about the World Wide Web. We will also think about being safe online by evaluating how honest, accurate and reliable online content is.

## 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.



## 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 be finding 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.

### **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 at least 5 times per week. At least twice with an adult and the rest independently. To help record and celebrate children's reading, every child will receive a reading diary at the start of term. Parents, carers and children should use the diary to record when they have read and to communicate with school about their child's progress.

### **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.

