

Year 4 overview 2026-27

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Curriculum theme weeks						
School values project						
Whole class reading	Monster poems: various authors Genre: poetry Text: The Twits Author: Roald Dahl Genre: Fiction	Text: Roman and Celts non-fiction New unit - tbc	Text: Iron Man Author: Ted Hughes The Shaman's Apprentice Author: Lynne Cherry	Text: Rainforest texts Genre: non-fiction Text: Suitcase Kid Author: Jacqueline Wilson Genre: Fiction	Text: Anglo-Saxon texts Genre: Non-fiction Text: Bill's new frock Author: Anne Fine Genre: Fiction	Text: Shipwrecked Author: Jenny Pearson Genre: Fiction
Class novel	Text: Mr Gum Author: Andy Stanton Text: Sky Chasers Author: Emma Carroll	Text: The Wild Robot Author: Peter Brown Genre: Fiction	Text: TBC Author: Genre:	Text: TBC Author:	Text: Cloudbusting Author: Malorie Blackman Genre: Fiction	Text: How to train your dragon Author: Cressida Cowell

Writing	Newspaper reports Writing purposes: Entertain and inform The Twits Writing purposes: Entertain The Feast Writing purposes: Entertain	Yayoi Kusama Writing purpose: Letter – recount Barnabus Project Writing purpose: To entertain	KPI - Rainforest animals Writing purpose: to inform and entertain The Great Kapok Tree Writing purpose: to entertain The Iron Man Writing purpose: to entertain	KPI text: Fantastic Mr Fox Writing purpose: to entertain Little Viking band Writing purpose: to entertain	New unit needed – Anglo Saxon Non Fiction explanation texts Writing purpose: to explain/inform	How to train your dragon Writing purpose: entertain and inform Shipwrecked (narrative ending) Writing purpose: To entertain
Spelling	New spelling model - possessive apostrophe, plurals	New spelling model - prefixes	New spelling model	The suffix –ous Endings spelt –tion, –sion, –ssion, –cian	New spelling model	New spelling model

	and doubling the consonant			Words spelt ch Words spelt ch Words spelt – gue and the /k/ sound spelt –que Words spelt sc Words with the /eɪ/ sound spelt ei, eigh, or ey Possessive apostrophe with plural words Homophones and near-homophones		
Oracy challenges	Oracy challenge 1 Passions and hobbies presentation Voice 21 strands: 1. 2.		Oracy challenge 2 Just a minute poetry competition Voice 21 strands: 1. 2.		Oracy Challenge 3 Record and present an advert (HIIT or smoothie) Voice 21 strands: 1. Physical - deliberately varies tone of voice in order to convey	

					meaning 2. Social and emotional - to adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience	
Maths	Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Measurement - Area Multiplication and Division A	Multiplication and Division B Length and Perimeter	Fractions Decimals	Money Time Shape	Statistics Position and Direction
Science	Sound	States of matter	Living things and environments (extended unit)	Living things and environments (Link to Art - painting still life)	Skeletons, muscles and nutrition	Electricity
Geography	Where does our food come from? Moved from Sum 1		Amazon Rainforest		What are climate zones and weather?	
History		Celts and Romans		Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Scots		Islamic history
RE Islam		What do people believe about God? Sacred texts - stories		Inspirational people and Hajj Places of worship		Why do people pray? Why are festivals important? (Eid)

PSHE	Friendship Are all friends the same? Are friendships always fun?	Mental health Are we happy all the time? Does everybody have the same feelings? How do our brains work? How do I use my brain to focus my attention and calm down?	Online safety Personal information Digital media Verifying content	Community How can we help people around us? Where do you feel like you belong? (2 sessions)	Family Are boys and girls the same?	Physical health How do I stop getting ill? How can I stay fit and healthy? What are body parts? (SRHE) What is menstruation? (optional session)
PE	Physical Literacy Circus Skills Swimming					
Music Year group songs to learn	Mamma Mia Pop - Abba	Mamma Mia Pop - Abba	Glockenspiel Stage 2	Glockenspiel Stage 2	Finish this - composing project New project needed	Finish this - composing project New project needed
Computing Ongoing Internet safety	Programming through Rodocodo (new unit to come)		Internet safety (link with PSHE) Context: Privacy &		Data and information: data logging	

			communication on the internet Computing systems and networks - The internet			
Art Artists	Drawing - Shapes & perspective		SCULPTURE - Cardboard		PAINTING (Exploring still life) Paul Cezanne, Hilary Pecis and Nicole Dyer	
DT		Shell structures/Roman Villas		Healthy and varied Diet: DT Food (link to science nutrition) Context: Smoothies		Toy puppets (linked to books)
Spanish	Retrieval of Y3 (greetings, how are you, what's your name, numbers 1 – 12, family) Describe what pets you have/not got. Name animals.	Name colours. Ask what colour you would like.	Months of the year Numbers 13-31	Ask when someone's birthday is and wish them happy birthday.	Name the days of the week. Know how to say the date.	Ask what the weather is like and respond. Retrieval of Y4 learning
Key dates				24-26th Feb 2027 Castleton		

Enrichment experiences	Sound project/museum	ABBA-extravaganza	Castleton	Smoothie sale	Mosque visit Squash taster session	Science workshop on electricity
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