

Year 4

Curriculum Overview

Spring 2



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Monkspath School

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This is a brief overview of the curriculum that will be taught in Year 4 this half term. There will be daily literacy and numeracy lessons which may include cross-curricular learning. The other subjects are taught in a more fluid manner in order to make as many purposeful links as possible.

On occasions, some elements of this curriculum plan may be adapted to meet the needs and interests of the children.

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English	<p>With cross-curricular links to the rainforest, the children will be researching information and discussing issues and dilemmas related to our topic.</p> <p>Later on, the children will be encouraged to use their imaginations as we immerse ourselves in the fantasy genre, including reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone.</p> <p>We will also continue to have a big push on the grammar skills which, when embedded, really help the children's writing progress. This term, the children will once again be concentrating on comprehension skills and the deeper understanding of texts.</p> <hr/> <p>Key skills to practise at home</p> <p>The children should continue to read regularly at home independently and with an adult providing the opportunity to discuss their reading in order to deepen their understanding. At this point in year 4, we would expect children to be experiencing more challenging books and texts which take them out of their comfort zone.</p> <p>We would encourage children to work on their presentation of written homework in order to improve their handwriting which should always be consistently joined and well presented.</p> <p>Please ensure you support your children in learning their spellings each week. These will always be glued into the diaries on a weekly basis.</p>



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Maths	<p>The children will be taught to estimate, compare, calculate and convert between different units of measures including money.</p> <p>Simple problem solving involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places will also form part of this term's curriculum.</p> <p>Data handling including presentation and interpretation of line and bar graphs using a range of different scales will also be taught.</p> <p>Shape will feature as a topic this term, looking at triangles and quadrilaterals.</p> <p>Key skills to practise at home Please ensure that multiplication tables are practised regularly at home as this is pivotal to a number of key skills in the new curriculum. Homework should be completed to a high standard of presentation and clearly organised and handed in by Thursday each week.</p> <p>Providing opportunities for the children to use their measuring skills at home such as involving them in cooking, and handling small amounts of cash in order to work out change etc. would be very beneficial to the children.</p>
Science	<p>This half-term's Science is all about classification of plants and animals. This will be linked to our work on the rainforest.</p> <p>Children will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways -explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment .
Geography	<p>Children will find out about animals that live in the rainforest, and consider in more depth the issues and dilemmas faced by the local population when challenged by deforestation, and the wider implications for the environment globally.</p>
Art	<p>A creative and colourful focus on the work of Henri Rousseau will form the basis of our artwork this term. We will explore the work of this artist with a particular interest in his layering effects. The children will create detailed observational drawings and use selected ideas to form their own masterpiece!</p>
Computing	<p>In this unit the children will become composers. The children will use a computer package to compose their own music.</p>
Spanish	<p>Pupils will draw and label a simple map of a Spanish town. This will be used to write directions for each other from one place to another on their maps. Previous vocabulary will be revised and tested to ensure knowledge is embedded.</p>





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Music	Pupils will continue to develop and improve their skills when playing the clarinet or guitar. They will also be taught how to read music and play and perform a range of pieces together. Children will deepen their understanding of keeping a pulse and rhythm when playing an instrument or singing.
R.E.	The theme for R.E. this half term is Easter and the concept the children will be learning about is salvation. The key question for this half term is: "Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?"
P.E.	The children will be asked to invent their own sports games using their previous knowledge of play and tactics used in other games. They will be asked to make up rules and be prepared to modify or change them, to cooperate, negotiate and make collective decisions about their games. They will also receive cricket coaching from Warwickshire Cricket club which will culminate in a festival in the summer term.
Other aspects of learning	School values and growth mindset will continue to be at the centre of all our learning, to encourage the children to be ambitious and positive about what they can achieve.

Below are our agreed **whole school values** which are positive, shared and highly prized by us all.

And...

because values are worth more when they are passed on, we share them with you here.

Ambition

Happiness

Respect

Equality

Friendship

Individuality

Honesty

Innovation

Co-operation

Self-Esteem

Celebration

Responsibility