

Year 4 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 1 2026

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day or email the class email address.

Dear Parents and Carers, Welcome to Year 4! Please take a look at the curriculum that your child will be learning this half term.

Writing: We will start the term by looking at the story 'The Mermaid of Zenor'. We will be writing our own version of the story, inventing our own sea creature. We will then read a book called 'The Baker by the Sea' and will be writing a brochure for the seaside village.



Reading: During guided reading, we will be discussing the vocabulary used in the text, rehearsing our reading fluency through readers' theatre and then answering a range of comprehension style questions. Our guided reading texts will change each week.



Maths: This half term we will begin with a unit on place value. This includes partitioning numbers up to 10,000, and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We then have a unit on addition and subtraction where we will cover the column methods, including exchanging.



Science: Our unit for this half term is 'Digestion and Food Chains'. This includes following the journey our food takes through our digestive system, learning about the types of teeth and their different functions and dental hygiene. There are plenty of practical investigations along the way!



Computing: This half term, we will be concentrating on online safety, including what is safe to share online and how to assess the credibility of online sources.



Music: We will be beginning to play steady drumbeats using three different sections of a drum kit, either as soloist, pairs or an ensemble. They will be able to compose their own musical parts by utilizing different drums and cymbals across their drum kit, as well as sight-read rhythms composed by other groups.



PSHE: The unit this half term is called 'Being in my World' and helps the children to understand things such as how their attitudes and actions affect themselves and others. It also covers how democracy and having a voice benefits the school community.



PE: This half term, we will be having swimming lessons at Horley Leisure Centre. We will also be developing our netball skills.



RE: We will be answering the question 'What did Jesus say about God's kingdom and why was it good news?'



History: This half term, the children will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, including what their daily lives were like and the legacy they left behind.

Art: This half term, children will extend their knowledge of sketching skills as they explore tone. They will also develop their colour knowledge as they learn how to lighten and darken colours, using this knowledge to paint a fruit still life.



MFL: The children will be studying 'Les Fruits'. During this unit, the children will learn the names for 10 different fruits.



Please remember to read regularly with your child at home. We recommend at least 5 times per week. **TTRS home learning is set on Wednesdays will need to be completed by the following Tuesday.** Reading Record Books should be in school each day so that they can be checked by the class teacher. Please also check to see if your child's stationery needs replenishing - the list can be found in their reading record books. Thank you!