



Medium Term Planning

Year 4

Spring 2024 Second Half Term



English	Mathematics
Our Spring 2 term begins with a focus on descriptive writing, drawing on inspiration from 'Mission Possible' by Kat Pennington. We will also take a cross curricular approach to letter writing this half term. Our history trip to Holy Island provides a fantastic opportunity to write a recount in the form of a letter.	Year 4 continue to make a fantastic effort towards improving their times table recall ready for their times table check: remember to practice your times tables as much as possible! This half term we will focus on number skills. We will develop our understanding of fractions and decimals.
Art & Design	Computing
To compliment our investigative learning of the Vikings in history, we will explore drawing objects and pictures from this era. We will develop sketching skills and use of different pencils and strokes to ensure the correct proportions and shading in our sketches.	Year 4 will explore the inside of computers this half term. They will develop their understanding of how the different parts within computers and mobile devices make them work effectively.
Design & Technology	Geography
Leading on from our previous learning in science around electricity and electrical circuits, we will plan, design and build a torch! We will recycle plastic bottles to form the body of our torches and use materials such as cardboard and split pins to create a switch for our torches.	Next term we will be developing our locational and place knowledge. We will explore time zones across the world and identify and describe the significance of the Greenwich meridian. We will also practice identifying lines of longitude and latitude, as well as countries across the globe.
History	Music
This half term we will learn all about the Vikings and visit Holy Island! The children will be able to place the Vikings on a timeline; study a range of sources which contain bias; describe the struggle with Anglo-Saxon communities for the kingdoms of England and consider change and continuity over time.	Year 4 will continue to develop their ability to play the chime bars individually and as part of ensemble with increased fluency and control. We will enhance our knowledge of the interrelated dimension of music and use this learning to support musical improvisation.
Personal Social Health & Economics Education (PSHE)	Physical Education (PE)
Our topic for this half term is citizenship. We will explore the importance of human rights and caring for the environment. Additionally, we will look at community diversity and groups, as well as exploring the role of local government.	Pupils will enjoy developing their physical skills in athletics, focusing on running, jumping and throwing. Year 4 will have the opportunity to develop their techniques and skills, understanding the importance of fitness and science whilst partaking in competitions as both individuals and as part of a team.
Religious Education (RE)	Science
In the second half of our spring term, we will focus on the question 'Who was Jesus?'. Pupils will engage with a range of sources to explore who Jesus was and learn about the significance of the Easter story for some Christians. We will also explore a range of prophecies and miracles and link these to beliefs about Jesus.	Sound is all around us! We are looking forward to exploring this exciting topic, discovering how sound is produced and travels whilst working scientifically to make links between volume, strength, distance and surroundings.
In KS2 we learn French in our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum (MFL)	
Year 4 will continue to focus on hobbies during French lessons this half term. We will develop our ability to pronounce vocabulary relating to hobbies and continue to work on writing simple sentences and phrases in French.	