

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

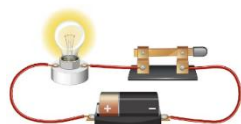
5th January 2026 – 13th February 2026

History

This half term we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children will learn why the Saxons came to Britain, and where they settled in Hampshire. We will have a Saxon Day on **Wednesday 25th February**. On this day, children will dress as Saxon Villagers and use primary and secondary sources to develop their understanding of what life was like in Saxon times. They will also learn about why the Sutton Hoo burial site is so important.



Science



In Science we will be learning about conductors and insulators of electricity and heat. Children will be investigating how to create electrical circuits using a variety of components and how the brightness of a bulb can be affected.

Computing

The children will be looking at how and why images are manipulated online. They will be considering why advertisers might edit photographs and explore how this is done with software.

PSHE

This term, our topic is: Living in the wider world – Belonging to a community; media literacy and digital resilience; money and work.

Physical Education

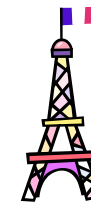
In Indoor PE, we will be doing a dance unit based on electricity. Children will work in small groups to create their own routine and perform it. In outdoor PE the children will be learning the game of Tag Rugby. They will improve their running and passing skills and the importance of ball possession.

DT

In DT, we will be exploring, designing and making prototypes for electrical games.

French

The children will learn how to say where they live and will take a look at other French speaking countries in the world.



Music

This half term, we will use the story of Chinese New Year as a stimulus. Children will revise key musical terminology, play and create pentatonic melodies and compose a piece of music in a group using layered melodies.

Religious Education

Our new topic is about freedom. We will be thinking about what the word means to us and the importance of freedom. We will also consider the word with reference to the Jewish festival of Passover.

Homework

This half terms homework will be set on **Thursday 29th January** and due back in on the **12th February**. It will be a research homework on Saxon clothes and jewellery ahead of our History day. More information to follow.

English

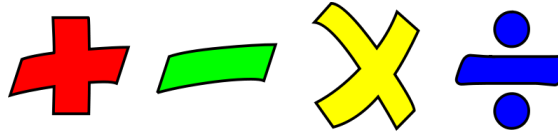
Much of this half term's Literacy is based on how an author creates intrigue within detective stories. We will be looking at a range of extracts from texts and writing sections of their own story. In sentence structure, the children will revisit prepositional phrases and adjectives in order to add more detail to their writing. They will also use a wider range of conjunctions or adverbs to express time or cause (for instance, because, when, if, finally, suddenly).

Reading:



Year 4 will be taking part in the Hampshire Information Book Awards, drawing on their knowledge of non-fiction books to help judge the winner of this competition. In Guided Reading, each class will be reading and showing their understanding of narrative writing through short bursts of guided work.

Mathematics



Multiplication and Division

We will be looking at factors of given numbers and re-visiting multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Children will learn how to multiply and divide a three digit number by a single digit, using formal written methods.

Measures

The children will look at measurements in practical terms such as using rulers. We will be concentrating on finding the perimeter and area of regular and irregular shapes.

Fractions

The children will recognise families of common equivalent fractions and show these in different ways. They will also learn the decimal equivalents of $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. Once confident with a range of fractions, they will solve simple measure and money problems involving these.

Children are expected to know **all times tables to 12x12 by the end of Year 4** and will be sitting the National Multiplication Check in the first half of the summer term. All of the children have login details for the [Times Tables Rock Stars website](#). They can practise at home whenever they like! It is a fun way to improve their times tables recall.



Other fun ways to support learning at home

- Visit your local library and look for books on our topics.
- Read and share books with your family.
- Read a detective story.
- Help children to become more independent with skills such as – shoelace tying, packing their bag for school, telling the time on an analogue watch and making their bed.
- Visit the British Museum or Winchester 878 AD virtual experience to support our Saxon topic.
- Visit the Sherlock Holmes Museum at 221b Baker Street!