

Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 - Term 4

English:

This term in English, we will be focusing on developing a range of key writing skills. Children will learn how to retell a story using a flashback, write a diary entry from a character's perspective and craft a persuasive speech. Our stimulus for writing this half-term will be the novel *Varjak Paw*, which will help inspire and support the children's ideas.

Maths:

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on developing our understanding of fractions, including equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, improper fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and finding fractions of amounts. In addition to this, we will complete a short unit on mass and capacity. We will also continue to work on improving our times tables recall as part of our ongoing fluency practice.

Science:

We are now coming to the end of our unit on rocks and soils and are about to begin our new science topic, where we will be exploring the role of the digestive system and comparing the teeth and diets of different animals. This will help the children understand how animals fit into food chains and how their bodies are adapted to what they eat.

Religious Education:

As we come to the end of our unit on Sikhism, we will now begin preparing for Easter by exploring an important question in Christianity: *Why do Christians call the day that Jesus died Good Friday?* This enquiry will help the children understand the significance of the Easter story and how Christians interpret the events of Holy Week.

History/Geography

In Geography, we are exploring why rainforests are so important to us. The children will be learning about where rainforests are located in the world, what they are like, who lives there—including both people and a wide variety of wildlife—and how these environments are changing over time. This topic will help the children understand the significance of rainforests and why they need to be protected.

Physical Education:

In PE, we will be developing the key skills needed for the invasion game netball. The children will focus on passing, footwork, attacking and defending techniques, and working effectively as part of a team. These skills will help them build confidence and understanding of how to play the game successfully.

Other Curriculum Areas:

This half term in Computing, children will learn how to create a multiplication quiz game in Scratch by using variables to store information, collecting user input, and applying if/else statements to check answers and keep score. In PSHE, we will be focusing on a unit in Citizenship, where the children will learn about their roles, rights, and responsibilities within their community.

Key Dates and Information:

Year 4 Multiplication check – start of June 2026

Monday pm – Guitars needed

Wednesday pm – PE kit needed