

Thematic Overview Year 4

Autumn	Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
	On Top Of The World		Veni, Vidi, Vici	
Curriculum Area	Science	Animals including Humans (food chains, teeth, digestion)	Science	States of Matter
	Geography	Physical and human features - focus on mountains	History	Romans. Legacy in Britain and in-depth study of leisure & entertainment
	Art	Textiles – design and sew clothing for mountaineer	Art	Mosaics
	D&T	Know how food is grown, reared, caught and processed	D&T	Romans as inventors – recreate prototype of aqueduct
	Computing	- The internet Use inputs to control sprite (background for story) Additional opportunities	Computing	- Data Logging Understand how to stay safe online with a focus on digital footprint Additional opportunities
	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw)	Being Me in My World	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw)	Celebrating Difference
	RE - weekly	Theme: Buddha’s teachings Key Question: Is it possible for everyone to be happy? Religion: Buddhism	RE - weekly	Theme: Christmas Concept: Incarnation Key Question: What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today? Religion: Christianity
	PE	Unit 1: HEALTH, FITNESS AND WELLBEING Unit 2: GYMNASTICS – Proficiency Awards	PE	Unit 1: INVASION GAMES – Tag Rugby Unit 2: DANCE
	MFL	Stage 2: 7 (On y va! – All aboard!)	MFL	Stage 2: 8 (L’argent de poche! – Pocket money!)
	Writing	Narrative / Recount / Poetry Additional opportunities: Biography of Edmund Hillary Explanation text on how mountains form. Survival guide for mountaineers	Writing	Non-chronological report / Persuasive Leaflet for Gladiator Show Additional opportunities: Roman fact cards (weird and interesting facts in the style of Horrible Histories) Narrative (Escape from Pompeii) Newspaper report on Pompeii / Invasion of Britain
	Reading	Unit: Orion in the Dark Additional texts: Unfortunate Events	Reading	Unit: Reading Explorers / Brilliant Activities / Poetry Additional texts: The Dancing Bear (WCR)
Maths	Unit: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction. Additional opportunities: Statistics.	Maths	Unit: Length, Perimeter, Multiplication & Division. Additional opportunities: Roman bake-off measuring ingredients. Roman numerals.	
<i>Suggested Texts</i>	<i>First To the Top, Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay</i>		<i>Romulus and Remus / Other Roman legends</i>	
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Wider Opportunities/ Trips/ Visitors	Buddhist visit in school Pond dipping		
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Parental Involvement/ Parent Celebrations			Making Roman shields
Spring	Spring 1		Spring 2
	Who Pays The Price?		Untangling The Greeks
Curriculum Area	Science	Living Things and their Habitats (classification, changing environments)	Science Sound
	Geography	The water cycle and rivers/mountains and the issues facing developing countries	History Ancient Greece – in-depth study of Ancient Greece and its influence and impact on Britain and world
	Art	Drawing-range of pencils & techniques to design product	Art Drawing & design sculpture – pottery to make Greek urn
	D&T	Design a product to reuse plastic and/or make water filter	D&T Structures – eg Greek Temple
	Computing	- Repetition in shapes Create purposeful content for email Additional opportunities:	Computing - Repetition in games Use search technologies effectively to retrieve sources Additional opportunities:
	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw)	Dreams & Goals	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw) Healthy Me
	RE - weekly	Theme: Passover Key Question: How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do? Religion: Judaism	RE - weekly Theme: Easter Concept: Salvation Key Question: Is forgiveness always possible for Christians? Religion: Christianity
	PE	Unit 1: INVASION GAMES – Handball Unit 2: TEAM GAMES - Dodgeball	PE Unit 1: STRIKING GAMES – Cricket Unit 2: STRIKING GAMES - Rounders
	MFL	Stage 2: 9 (Racontre-moi une histoire! – Tell me a story!)	MFL Stage 2: 10 (Vive le sport! – Our sporting lives)
	Writing	Persuasive Writing / Journalistic Writing Additional opportunities: Balanced argument (We should abolish the use of plastic.) Explanation text on the water cycle.	Writing Narrative / Playscript / Non-chronological report Additional opportunities: Alexander the Great biography Non-chronological text (The Olympics) Medical advice leaflet from Hippocrates (4 humours)
	Reading	Unit: The Detective Dog Additional texts: Mr Stink	Reading Unit: Reading Explorers / Brilliant Activities / Poetry Additional texts: Who Let the Gods Out?
Maths	Unit: Multiplication & Division, Area and Fractions. Additional opportunities:	Maths Unit: Fractions and Decimals. (Consolidation). Additional opportunities:	
<i>Suggested Texts</i>	<i>One Plastic Bag, The Drop In My Drink, Flotsam, Song Of The Dolphin Boy</i>		<i>Theseus and the Minotaur / Other Greek Myths</i>

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Wider Opportunities/ Trips/ Visitors			Think Tank trip – Yr3&4	
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Parental Involvement/ Parent Celebrations			Easter activities	
Summer	Summer 1		Summer 2	
	Building Britain		Eureka!	
Curriculum Area	Science		Science	Electricity
	Geography	Use maps to locate countries and cities of UK. Study topography of UK / how this has changed	History	British inventions / inventors since 1800s
	Art	Explore the work of well-known architects	Art	Use range of media to create portraits
	D&T	Design and create scale model of area, using knowledge of structures and mechanisms	D&T	Using electrical circuits to create an 'invention'
	Computing	- Photo Editing Use digital literacy to enhance writing Additional opportunities:	Computing	- Audio Editing Create an algorithm & program to solve problem Additional opportunities:
	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw)	Relationships	PSHE/RSE (Jigsaw)	Changing Me
	RE - weekly	Theme: The 8-fold path Key Question: What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life? Religion: Buddhism	RE - weekly	Theme: Prayer and Worship Key Question: Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians? Religion: Christianity
	PE	Unit 1: OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - Archery Unit 2: ATHLETICS – throwing, running and jumping	PE	Unit 1: ATHLETICS – throwing, running and jumping Unit 2: SPORTS DAY PRACTICE
	MFL	Stage 2: 11 (Le carnaval des animaux – The carnival of the animals)	MFL	Stage 2: 12 (Quel temps fait-il? – What's the weather like?)
	Writing	Recount (Travel blog) / Non-chronological report Additional opportunities: Non-chronological report / presentation on a particular city. Art critic review of a famous building	Writing	Narrative / Non-chronological report Additional opportunities: Explanation text on how a particular invention works Procedural writing of a science experiment Biography of an inventor
Reading	Unit: Henry's Freedom Box	Reading	Unit: Reading Explorers / Brilliant Activities / Poetry	

		Additional texts: Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone		Additional texts: Spacebaby (WCR)
	Maths	Unit: Decimals, Money and Time. Additional opportunities: Position and map work. Algorithms.	Maths	Unit: Statistics, Shape, Position & Direction. Additional opportunities: Chronology and timeline work.
<i>Suggested Texts</i>	<i>Travel guides to UK, The Story of London, The Big Book of the UK</i>		<i>This Little Britain, Marveltown, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang</i>	
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Wider Opportunities/ Trips/ Visitors			Basecamp	
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Parental Involvement/ Parent Celebrations	MTC afternoon workshop		Electricity workshop	