

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share what your child will be learning in Year 4 this term. Our aim is to provide an engaging and ambitious curriculum while encouraging children to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

Suggested at-home activities are included for each subject. These are optional suggestions you can try together using everyday household items.

With thanks,
The Year 4 Team

English

This term in English, children will be reading the text *Shakleton's Journey*, and they will then write a factual report based on their reading. They will then move on to reading *The Baker by the Sea*, and the children will go on to write a tourism leaflet based on their learning from the book. In reading, the children will read *Poems from a Green and Blue Planet* as well as *How Does a Lighthouse Work?* The children will continue to work on their reading fluency and text comprehension.

Suggested home activities:

Practise spelling the Year 3/4 spelling words. Read as much as you can, 10 minutes a day is perfect! Remember to make use of our wonderful school library as well as the library in Gainsborough – there are so many amazing books out there!

Maths

In Maths this term, children will be learning:

How to work with decimals (tenths and hundredths, as well as rounding to the nearest whole number)

How to write amounts of money using decimals

Compare amounts of money

Estimate using money

Suggested home activity:

Continue working on TT Rockstars, 10 minutes daily will really support retention of times tables facts.

Can your child help when you're shopping? Challenge them to work out the change needed!

History – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking Britain, including when they lived and how life in England changed. They will explore how these societies were ruled and how people lived, including the impact of raids and settlement.

Suggested home activity:

Create a simple timeline of your day. Talk about rules at home and why they are important.

Religious Education – Hinduism

Children will learn about Hindu beliefs and practices, including puja as a form of worship. They will explore the idea of dharma (duty) and learn about the story of Rama and Sita and its importance during Diwali.

Suggested home activity:

Talk about celebrations in your family and what they mean. Discuss doing the right thing and helping others.

PSHE – Growing Up in Gainsborough

Children will learn about rights, diversity and community. They will explore how people are represented and how they can contribute positively to their local area.

Suggested home activity:

Talk about your local area and how people help each other. Discuss what makes a community fair and inclusive.

Design and Technology – Mechanical Systems

Children will learn about mechanisms and how parts work together to create movement. They will explore ideas such as kinetic energy and air resistance while designing and building models.

Suggested home activity:

Create a simple moving model using paper or recycled materials. Talk about how it moves and what makes it work.

Computing – Repetition in Shapes

Children will learn how to use repetition in programming to create shapes and patterns. They will use loops and understand how to debug and improve their code.

Suggested home activity:

Create repeating patterns using drawings or objects. Talk about how patterns repeat and change.