

Year 4 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2025

Class 4CM, 4F and 4S



This information tells you what your child will be learning this term in school. We really value your support and the help that you can give your child with their learning.

These are some of the things you can do:

Take them to the library

Find information from the internet on the topics they are studying

Help your child with their home learning – there are lots of ideas on the school website

Read with your child everyday

Help them to make sure they have everything they need in school on the right day

Practice the times tables with the children ready for their statutory times table check in June. Starting early will help them, take a little and often approach. A little practice, often.

The curriculum

Our focus this term in English:

- 'The Lost Happy Endings'- descriptive fantasy story to use as a model for writing their own story.
- Newspapers and Magazines – Creating a news article about a historical Roman event.
- Creating their own fantasy/adventure stories for their class animations.
- Black History Month – writing about key historical events
- Poetry – descriptive verse about the seasons
- The Tear Thief – descriptive narrative diary entry writing
- Persuasive letter writing



In Maths we will be revising what we have learned in Year 3 and learning to:

- Add and subtract numbers with up to 4 digits, using the formal written methods of column addition and subtraction where appropriate.
- Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation. E.g. $22+34=56$ so $56-34=22$
- Solve addition and subtraction two step problems in contexts, deciding which operations and methods to use and why

The 1st topic in the Autumn term is the Romans:

- In **History** we will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, contrasting Ancient Roman times with present day and looking at the power of the Roman army and Boudicca's rebellion.
- In **Science** we will be learning about how sound is made and received by the ear
- In **Art** we will be developing our collage skills with a range of collage techniques such as tearing, overlapping, and layering, to create images and represent textures.
- In **RE**, we will be learning about worship and inspirational people in Christianity, Islam and Buddhism
- In **PSHE** we will be learning about mental health and well-being; rights and responsibilities; what respectful relationships are- including friendships online and some basic techniques for resisting pressure.
- In **Spanish** we will be learning numbers to 30 and body parts.
- In **computing** we will learn how to code using Purple Mash. Your child has their own login details and can access the website from home.
- In **Music** we will be listening and responding to a variety of music styles, improvising, composing and performing tunes with glockenspiels and learning about musical notation.
- In **PE** we will be working on our hockey skills.



The 2nd topic in the Autumn term is Lights, Camera, Action!

- In **Science** we will be learning about electricity and how to make an electrical circuit to light a bulb, using a switch.
- In **Geography** we will be locating Italy within Europe, capital cities and understanding their importance, exploring directions on a compass and using maps to annotate an area of Rome identifying features.
- In **Art/DT** we will be creating a 3D scene using plasticine, cardboard, paper and other media, including electricity
- In **Computing** we will have a visiting animation specialist using '1 stop Motion' programming with voice recordings to re-enact children's stories. Completed work will be published on You Tube
- In **Music** we will be listening and responding to a variety of music styles, improvising, composing and performing tunes with glockenspiels and learning about musical notation.
- In **PSHE** we will be learning about internet safety and harms and how the media, including social media affects decisions, how to keep passwords safe etc.
- In **Spanish** we will be learning numbers from 31-100, dates and Christmas vocabulary.
- In **PE** we will be learning to perform dances using a range of patterns



Swimming:

- **Wednesday: 4F**
- **Thursday: 4S**
- **Friday: 4CM**

PE:

- **Tuesday: 4F**
- **Thursday: 4S**
- **Friday: 4CM**

Please note that children may wear their PE kits to school on their PE days and will stay wearing their kits.

Class Assemblies (9:15 in the hall):

4F- 12th Sept

4CM- 19th Sept

4S- 26th Sept

Trips:

We are hoping to visit Verulamium in St Albans in November.

We are looking forward to having a successful and enjoyable year with you and your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 4 team.

**Mrs Collins-Morain, Miss Stolerman, Mrs Fernandez and
Mr Wild**