

Year 4

Autumn Term 1 – September to October 2026

Teachers:

4LD – Mr Luke

4LH – Ms Laura

4OF – Ms Orla

4SH – Mr Sam



English

In English, Year 4 will begin the term by learning about stories set in historic times. They will learn several descriptive language techniques before using these to construct their own historical tale based in Ancient Egypt.



Topic

This term in Year 4, we will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We will discover how the River Nile was so important to their daily lives, explore the powerful pharaohs who ruled Egypt, and find out how and why the pyramids and tombs were built.



Art

Students will build on their understanding of the Visual Elements, focusing on basic colour theory. They will explore painting techniques through mixing, brushwork, layering and mark-making, developing control, creativity and confidence.



German

Students will begin their German journey by discovering Germany, its flag, Berlin and familiar cultural features before learning greetings and introductions. They will develop confidence with key sounds, essential vocabulary and simple spoken exchanges.



Maths

We will begin our maths learning this year with a unit on place value. We will write, partition and compare numbers to 10,000. We will then move on to a unit on addition and subtraction. We will learn to add and subtract 4-digit numbers with and without exchanging.



Slovak

During this period, students focus on Slovak spelling rules. They revise the alphabet, divide words into syllables, and learn about consonants and selected words. Creative writing is actively developed and students read continuous literary texts fluently.



Music

Year 4 will develop their understanding of pitch, rhythm, and basic musical notation. They will also explore the piano and connecting musical symbols to sounds. We will also listen to ancient Egyptian music and learn how/why it sounds different from our music today.



Spanish

Students will begin their Spanish journey by discovering Spain and its culture before learning greetings and introductions. They will build confidence with key sounds, core vocabulary and simple spoken exchanges, developing a strong foundation for future learning.



Science

In science, we will learn about the human body, including the skeleton. We will explore how our skeleton supports and protects us, how bones work with muscles, and how medicine helps us stay healthy. We will also learn about infectious diseases and their prevention.



PE

Students start with fundamental footwork and spatial awareness. They practice active warm-ups and court safety. They drill basic skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting, followed by movement drills for stamina, finally applying simple rules in mini games.



Computing

Students will build confidence navigating the Purple Mash platform and its basic tools. For online safety, they will learn to keep personal data secure and know who to tell if uncomfortable online. They will also code simple programs using visual block scripts.



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