



Autumn Term 2026

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

English As a class, we will be using our writing approach called 'The Write Stuff'. The children will be exploring a variety of different texts and genres, detailing their ideas, before having the opportunity to independently write their own versions. We are beginning by studying poetry, looking into 'The Lost Words' and delving into the names of different animals, plants and creatures. This will explore creatures the children may not be so familiar with, before creating our own poem based on an animal of our choice. We will then begin to learn and explore 'Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp'. We will be using our Purple Mash platform as we learn our spellings each week and some of our spelling homework will be set as a 'To Do' on here. Spellings lists will be given out on a Monday and reviewed and tested the following Monday. Each week we will do a grammar lesson and look at how sentences are constructed and different word classes.

Maths Our block of learning for the first half term is focusing on place value up to 10,000 and two different calculation methods – addition and subtraction. We will then be looking into multiplication and division after half term and learn the different calculation methods of 'short' multiplication and division. Learning our times tables is very important and we will practise these tables weekly and use our 'TT Rockstar' platform to do this. Different aspects of mathematics – arithmetic skills and reasoning questions will be taught and we will do a daily 'Fluent in Five' challenge to improve our speed and accuracy with arithmetic challenges.

Science The children are going to be investigating changes of properties through solids, liquids and gasses. We will explore the different properties of solids, liquids and gasses through experiments to distinguish how these properties may alter. Experiments include working with different temperatures and materials. After half term, we will learn about electricity circuits. The children will be making their own simple electrical circuits and investigating conductors and insulators.

Art & Design In art, we will complete units of work from our art scheme and begin by using drawing and painting to tell a story, developing a poetry comic book using many different techniques. We will use different mediums such as oil, ink, chalk, paint, water colour and pencils in the style of Laura Carlin and Shaun Tan.

Computing We will be continuing with our Online Safety lessons focusing on Online Reputation, Online Bullying and Managing Online Information, alongside our new topic 'animation'. We will discuss animations, different software and components used to create animations. We will be using Purple Mash. After half term, we will look into Logo.

Design & Technology After half term, we will be looking at electrical systems: torches. We will be designing our own torches, creating circuits and evaluating different torches. This will link to our science unit.

Geography Geography will be our focus before half term. In this topic we will investigate different biomes, particularly focusing on the rainforest. The Amazon Rainforest will be explored, delving into tribes, deforestation and how the rainforest is changing. We will also be visiting the woodland areas of Ickworth Park comparing it to the rainforest.

History We study history after half term, where we will be investigating 'How children's lives have changed' through different periods of time, comparing them to the modern-day world. We will spend some time thinking about children's lives in the second World War.

French

The children will be studying different vegetables and menu choices and will be able to write short, simple sentences that describe their favourite and least favourite vegetable! After half term, we will learn about family.

Music We begin learning our new instrument this year – the guitar! Once again, we will receive our tuition from the County Music Service. This will be on a Thursday afternoon each week.

RE

This term we will be studying Christianity. Our focus on Christianity will explore the key question 'How does believing Jesus is their saviour inspire Christians to save and serve others?' The children will spend some time looking into modern day saviours and superheroes. After half term, we will be investigating Hinduism and Dharma.

Life Skills (PSHE)

In PSHE, we will be thinking about my healthy self and how you can make healthy choices. We will begin by learning about a healthy diet, then focusing on an active body and healthy mind. After half term, we will learn about connecting with others and why healthy relationships are so important. The children will have in-depth discussions and create class rules which link to the topic.

Year 4 Staff

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Our School Values

**Respect
Challenge
Resilience
Confidence**

Diary Dates

- 1st Oct Census Day in School
- 6th Oct – Individual photographs
- 16th Oct 2026- Sharing Afternoon yr1-6
- 19th Oct KS2 visit to Adastral Park
- 20th October 2026 – Parent Evening 1
- 22nd October 2026 – Parent Evening 2
- 23rd October – PTA disco
- 16th – 20th November 2026 – Anti-Bullying week
- 14th December – Elf Room
- 18th Dec – PD Day
- 19th Dec – Christmas holidays.

PE

The children will participate in two PE lessons a week. This term they will be doing fitness and fundamentals. They will build on collaborative skills, strategies and tactics. There will be opportunities to referee as well as partake in competitive games. Children need to have a kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor PE. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed before coming to school. Please be mindful of the heat and bring deodorant as required.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> (logins are in children's reading logs)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>