

Year 4 Overview

In Year 4, students continue to add to their increasing knowledge base in all areas of the curriculum. Writing, reading, history and art are often interlinked in more of a “Humanities” based approach.

History topics for the three terms include “Stone Age to Iron Age,” “Ancient Greece” and the “Mayan Civilization.” Geography lessons on these topics are studied, as well as basic geographical knowledge of the Earth.

Students continue to progress through the scaffolded Reading Scheme, read short novels and non-fiction materials during class instruction and work to increase reading comprehension. Writing is often linked to our historical studies and includes narrative, expository and persuasive styles, as well as a strong emphasis on spelling and grammar.

Math skills in addition and subtraction are solidified and the focus shifts to the study of multiplication and division. Units in fractions, geometry, time, measurement, decimals and data handling are interspersed throughout the year.

Science topics include animal studies relating to food chains, prey and predators, Electricity, Sound, the States of Matter, Solids and Liquids, the Human Body – specifically the Digestive System - and healthy eating.

Students take part in German classes three times per week, either in a native-speaking group or a non-native speaking group. Year 4 is also the start of French lessons which are once per week.

Besides our strong focus on the above curriculum areas, our weeks also include regularly planned times for Physical Education, Art, Design & Technology, ICT, Music and PSHE. We are busy in Year 4!