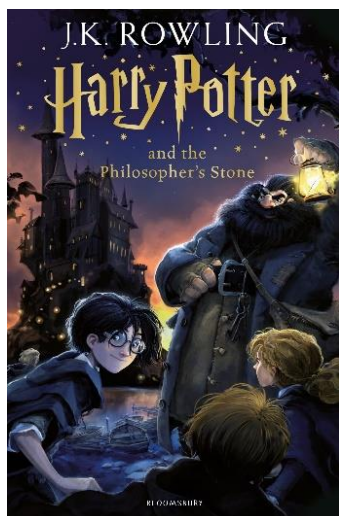




Year 4 Curriculum Overview for Spring 1 2026

What will your child be learning this half term?

Reading Into Writing



We will be reading "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling during our whole class reading lessons and will be using the story to inspire our writing. We will create character descriptions of some of the main characters from the story and also use our narrative writing skills to retell parts of the story.

Religious Education (R.E.)

CHRISTMAS

In this unit of work the children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas. They will learn about Christians being messengers of Christ's Good News in the world today and how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas.



OLD TESTAMENT: MOSES – KING DAVID

In this unit the children will study some important stories about Moses and God's relationship with the people of Israel. They will also learn about the life of King David. Through this unit children will be introduced to some images of God associated with these stories and also some important religious themes such as prayer and vocation which arise from this study.



Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

In spellings we will be learning and practising **a variety of** letter combinations:



Week 1 spellings: **forgetting, forgotten, beginning, beginner, prefer, preferring, gardening, gardener, limiting, limited**

Week 2 spellings: **young, touch, double, trouble, country, county, couple, cousin, enough, encourage**

Week 3 spellings: **addresses, answers, appears, arrives, businesses, centuries, possesses, groups, babies, monkeys**

Week 4 spellings: **accident, believe, bicycle, breath, breathe, build, calendar, caught, centre, certain.**

Week 5 spellings: **supermarket, supersonic, submarine, subtract, internet, interact, automobile, automatic, anticlockwise, antisocial**

Maths

7 times table: odd and even patterns, square numbers and tests of divisibility

Pupils will represent counting in sevens as the 7-table, explaining the relationship between adjacent multiples. They also look at odd and even patterns in times tables and identifies square numbers.

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$7 \times 1 = 7$
$7 \times 2 = 14$
$7 \times 3 = 21$
$7 \times 4 = 28$
$7 \times 5 = 35$
$7 \times 6 = 42$
$7 \times 7 = 49$
$7 \times 8 = 56$
$7 \times 9 = 63$
$7 \times 10 = 70$

Understand and represent multiplicative structures

Pupils will explain how each part of a multiplication and division equation relates to a story. They will partition one of the factors in a multiplication equation in different ways using representations.

Apply the distributive law to multiplication

Pupils will use knowledge of the distributive law to calculate products beyond known times tables facts and relate this to partitioning one of the factors.

Understand what happens when a number is multiplied or divided by 10 and 100

Pupils will explain the relationship between multiplying and dividing a number by 10 and multiples of 10.

History

The Romans

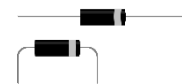
This half term we are learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain. We will look at the expansion of the Roman empire, their important figures and leaders, the invasions of Britain by Caesar, Boudicca's revolt and the lasting legacy of the Romans on Britain.

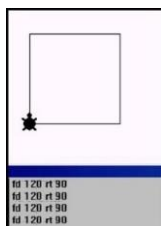


Science

Electrical Circuits (Physics)

In this unit the children will learn about different electrical appliances and what the different components are in an electrical circuit. They will create circuit diagrams and build simple circuits, experimenting with a variety of switches. They will gain an understanding of what conductors and insulators are and learn about the scientist Thomas Edison.



Physical Education (P.E.) Children will need their PE kit in school on Wednesdays and Fridays: red round-necked PE top, navy shorts, plain black pumps.  This half term in PE we are studying <i>gymnastics</i> and <i>multi-skills and fitness</i>. We are working on skills including: balance, coordination, teamwork, following a routine and memorising rules and steps.	French Weather During this half term the children will be learning: • Weather phrases. • To repeat short phrases accurately. • To describe the weather using points of the compass. • To recognise the French written words for multiples of ten. • To understand the water cycle in French. 
Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) Using the Life To The Full resources from TenTen, the children will learn: • How similarities and differences between people arise as they grow and make choices, and how we can work to create community. • How self-confidence arises from being loved by God. • About the need to respect and look after their bodies as a gift from God through what they wear, what they eat and what they physically do. • What the term 'puberty' means, and understand that puberty is part of God's plan for our bodies. • To explore and use strategies for positive mental health.	Art Storytelling Through Drawing We will be learning : • how to tell stories through drawing. • About the artists Laura Carlin and Shaun Tan. • To record our thoughts and ideas in our art book. • To use line, shape and colour using different materials to experiment with ideas. • To think about how we might use composition, sequencing and text in our drawings. • To create a finished piece continuing sequenced images to describe a narrative. • To talk about what we liked about our art work and what we found tricky. 
Computing Programming A – Repetition in shapes This programming unit looks at repetition and loops within programming. Pupils will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns. They will use Logo, a text-based programming language. 	Music We are learning how to play in harmony and how to read some notes on sheet music. We will also be studying some theory of music, including key vocabulary and some music history. 

Other Important Information	
<u>Virtues Focus:</u> Curious & Active	<u>Catholic Social Teaching Focus:</u> Solidarity & The Common Good
<u>Dates for your Diary:</u> Times tables club is on a MONDAY until 4.15pm. Tuesday 13th Jan: School Mass in hall at 2.30pm Wednesday 14th Jan: Year 4 Maths lesson for parents at 9am Tuesday 20th Jan: First Holy Communion Workshop for Y4 children & Parents 4pm – 5.30pm Wednesday 21st Jan: Pep the Poet Workshops Thursday 22nd Jan: Choir to join the Wicked Young Voices Online Sing-Along in the hall at 3pm Saturday 24th Jan: FAMILY MASS St Joseph's, Darlaston at 4pm Friday 30th Jan: Year 4 Class Assembly Tuesday 3rd Feb: Year 4 Mass Tuesday 10th Feb: Safer Internet Day (Assembly at 9am) Thursday 12th Feb: Severn Trent Van at school - Year 4 Workshop 10am – 11am Thursday 12th Feb: Online Big Sing Along for Children's Mental Health Week Friday 13th Feb: End of Half Term	