



# Year Four - Autumn Curriculum overview



## Topic overview

This term Year 4 children will learn all about London and its landmarks, including the river Thames. Their topic will focus on rivers, both in the UK and worldwide and the water cycle. They will complete a variety of cross-curricular activities, from making models of rivers, creating artistic impressions to writing information texts and postcards about the capital.

## Core subjects

**Maths** – Children will explore place value and the four operations. They will apply their understanding of number to a variety of problems and use different methods to solve a number of word problems and investigations. They will also focus on developing their times table knowledge and understanding.

**English** – Children will begin the term by reading 'Paddington'. They will then explore London through a range of texts and will write poems and a non-chronological report to share their understanding from the topic. Later in the term, they will focus on narrative writing.

**Science** – Children will explore teeth, digestion and states of matter and will complete a number of investigations focusing on predictions and fair testing.

## Important information

**Class teachers** – Mrs Wright [4KW@ojs1.co.uk](mailto:4KW@ojs1.co.uk) and Mrs Davey and Mrs Thornbury [4DT@ojs1.co.uk](mailto:4DT@ojs1.co.uk)

**Year group TAs**- Mrs Gamble and Mrs Cocker

**PE days** – This half term, Year 4 will be having their PE sessions on a Monday and Friday. PE kits should be kept in school. Children must have ear tape, suitable footwear and layers for cold weather. Remember no jewellery should be worn.

**Reading records** – Please use the GoRead app to record when your child reads at home.

**Library** – Children will visit the school library on a Thursday to change their books.

**Homework** – Homework will be set on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday.

### **Trips, visitors and events**

Visit to Chichester Harbour – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October (letter to follow)

Harvest festival assembly and parent topic event – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9am

## Foundation subjects

**Geography**- Our unit this term focuses on river formation and the water cycle.

**Music** – Children will complete a unit of work lead by 'Listen to me' music teachers. They will learn how to play a variety of instruments this year. We hope to be able to share this with you in some form.

**Computing** - Children will explore desktop publisher and Scratch. They will also learn about E-safety.

**PSHE** – Children will be focusing on positive relationships, including those online

- Responding to hurtful behaviour
- Managing confidentiality
- Recognising risks online
- Respecting differences and similarities
- Discussing difference sensitively

**French** - Children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills focusing on their understanding of days/months/seasons as well as the weather.

**PE** - During indoor PE children will focus on indoor athletics and gymnastics . During outdoor PE children will focus on Netball and Outdoor adventurous activities (e.g. orienteering)

**RE** – Children will explore the concept of trees as a symbol. During the second half term they will study Mary, mother of God.

**Art and DT** – Children will study water paintings by the artists Monet, Hokusai and Turner. The Geography topic will include an art outcome.

*Curiosity, Creativity, Independence, Aspiration, Respect, Resilience and Collaboration*