Christmas Term 2026 Curriculum Plan: Year 4

English
Using the book 'Greek Myths' by Jean Menzies children will immerse themselves in the world of Ancient Greek myths and legends. They will explore the features of mythological stories, learn how authors create powerful characters and exciting adventures, and develop their skills in reading, vocabulary, grammar and writing. Through drama, discussion and text analysis, children will build towards writing and publishing their own adventure mini book inspired by the myths they have studied.

Maths
This term, children will begin by learning about area, exploring how to calculate and compare the area of shapes using square centimetres and counting squares. They will then move on to the multiplication and division unit, where they will develop their understanding of factors, multiples and times tables facts. Children will learn to multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12, use related multiplication and division facts.

Science
Children will continue their learning about states of matter from Harvest term. Through practical investigations, they will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and learn how materials can change state through heating and cooling. They will also investigate evaporation and condensation and discover how these processes are linked to the water cycle.

Computing
Children will learn how audio can be recorded, edited and combined to create engaging digital content. They will explore the features of successful podcasts, develop their own audio-editing skills and work towards producing and evaluating a podcast project of their own.

Geography
Children will explore the fascinating world of rivers and the water cycle. They will learn about the journey of a river from its source to its mouth, identify key river features and investigate some of the world's longest rivers. They will also consider how rivers support communities, how human activity affects rivers and the impact flooding can have on people and places.

DT
Children will become engineers as they design and create their own car alarms. They will investigate electrical components and circuits, develop practical construction skills and learn how technology can help keep people and property safe.

PSHE
Through the theme One World, children will learn about rights, responsibilities and how people's lives can differ across the world. They will explore issues of fairness, diversity and global citizenship while considering how their choices and actions can have positive and negative effects on others both locally and globally.

RE
Children will explore the concept of sacrifice and what it means within Christianity, Judaism and Islam. They will learn about stories, beliefs and practices from each faith and reflect on how these can influence the choices people make in their daily lives.

Music
Children will develop their singing skills by learning a range of songs and musical styles. They will sing in unison, rounds and simple harmonies while developing pitch, rhythm and performance skills. They will also learn how musicians use dynamics, such as crescendo and decrescendo, to create expression within music.

PE
In gymnastics, children will develop their balance, flexibility, strength and coordination. They will learn and refine a range of movements, shapes and balances before combining these into sequences and routines. Children will evaluate performances and work both independently and collaboratively to improve control, precision and confidence.

Spanish
Children will continue to build their vocabulary and confidence in speaking Spanish. They will learn the numbers 1-30, revisit the days of the week and colours, and learn the months of the year. Through songs, games and speaking activities, children will develop their pronunciation, listening and conversational skills.

Reminders

- Changing library and book club books every Monday.
- PE on Thursdays.
- Swimming on Fridays.
- 16th November - Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)
- 30th November – Christmas craft afternoon
- 9th December – Christmas lunch