

Year 4

Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1



Welcome to our Curriculum Overview for this half term. We are excited to share the learning that will be taking place across the curriculum over the coming weeks. This overview is designed to help you understand what your child will be learning in school and provide some simple ideas for supporting their learning at home.

The home learning suggestions are entirely optional and are intended to encourage discussion, curiosity and a love of learning beyond the classroom. As always, regular reading, practising key skills and talking about learning together can make a significant difference to children's confidence and progress. We look forward to another successful half term of learning and achievement.

Mrs Smith & Miss Johnson

Class Information	Important Days	Dates for Your Diary
Remember your reading book every day	Monday: Spelling test & spelling and TTRS homework due.	Friday 9 th October – FofDG disco.
School meals should be booked by 9pm on a Wednesday	Thursday: Reading book change	
Please ensure pupils come to school in correct uniform, including for PE.	PE – Tuesday & Wednesday	

Subject	Content Covered	Ideas to Support at Home
English	Sentence Craft In this unit we will be covering grammar objectives. We will be looking at fronted adverbials, direct speech, cohesion across paragraphs and prepositional phrases. Persuasive Speech Debate The theme of our debate will be “Should animals be kept in zoos?” Historical Narrative We will be using Beowulf as inspiration for our narrative writing.	Can you spot examples of direct speech in your reading book? Have a go at writing sentences beginning with <i>Later that day</i> , <i>Without warning</i> , or <i>Behind the door</i> . Talk together about whether animals should be kept in zoos. What reasons can you think of for and against? Enjoy reading a myth or legend together. You could also design your own hero or monster inspired by <i>Beowulf</i> and write a description of it.
Maths	Place Value We will be looking at numbers up to 10,000. Adding & Subtracting Up to 4-digit numbers including exchanging.	One of the most important ways that you can support your children at home is by helping them to practise their times table. Look out for numbers up to 10,000 in everyday life. Can your child read the number, say what each digit is worth and put different numbers in order? Practise adding and subtracting numbers when shopping or planning a day out. Can your child estimate the answer first and then check using a written method?

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Science	Animals Including Humans. We will be identifying the digestive system and its functions, explaining how to look after our teeth and investigating food chains.	Make a model of the digestive system using items from around the house, create a poster showing how to keep teeth healthy or draw a food-chain comic strip. You could even keep a toothbrushing chart for a week
PE	Invasion Games. Our core skills are: Using space Controlled carry and passing Pass and move footwork Attacking and defending choices Positive team behaviours	Create a mini obstacle course and practise moving into spaces while carrying a ball. Play a passing game with a family member or invent your own invasion game, including rules for attacking, defending and positive teamwork.
RE	How do the 5 Pillars help Muslims to lead a good life?	Find out about one of the Five Pillars and create a colourful fact card. Talk together about how prayer, charity and helping others can guide the choices people make.
History	Invaders & Settlers - The Anglo-Saxons We will find out where the invading troops came from and where in Britain where they managed to settle and how life in Britain changed as a result. We will learn how the Anglo-Saxons influenced the English language and examine and analyse artefacts from the period.	Find Anglo-Saxon place names on a map and look out for endings such as <i>-ham</i> , <i>-ton</i> and <i>-bury</i> . Create an Anglo-Saxon village, design a shield or brooch, write your name using Anglo-Saxon runes or make a fact file about daily life.
DT	Textiles We will be exploring the designs of the Bayeux Tapestry and May Morris, and developing our embroidery skills using backstitch and cross stitch to create our own Anglo-Saxon inspired bookmark.	Have a go at practising simple stitches at home or create a bookmark design inspired by Anglo-Saxon symbols, the Bayeux Tapestry or May Morris. You could also look for examples of embroidery on clothes and items around your home.
Music	Dhol Drumming	
PSHE	Relationships, diversity & community We will be learning how to be positive role models, what healthy friendships look like, and how peer influence can affect the choices we make. We will explore diversity within our community, understand what protected characteristics are, and discuss how discrimination happens and why it is never acceptable.	Talk together about the qualities of a good friend and positive role model. C Create a colourful poster celebrating what makes people unique, or discuss what your child could do if they saw someone being treated unfairly.
Computing	Coding Online Safety	Practise giving and following clear instructions. Ask your child to create a set of step-by-step instructions for making a sandwich, building a Lego model or completing a household task.

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		Create a family online safety poster with reminders about strong passwords, resp