



Year 4 Curriculum Planning Overview 2023-24

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Romans		Amazon		Maya Civilization	USA
Cultural Capital	Roman workshop 23.10.23 All day	Interfaith Week Visit – Gurdwara 16.11.23 Food Donation	Botanical Gardens 14.03.23 10 – 2.30pm		Mayan Civilisation workshop 20/05/24 All day in school	
Class reader to be read 3 times per week.	Stars With Flaming Tails – Valerie Bloom Firebird – Saviour Pirotta Penguins – Level 2 National Geographic		The Tale of the Whale – Karen Swann Viking Adventure – Francis Durkin Agent Weasel – Nick East		The Rainforest Rough Guide Delivery to the Lost City – P.G. Bell The Umbrella Mouse – Anna Fargher	
Reading	Voices in the Park (Anthony Browne)	Non- Fiction Roman Texts	The boy who cycled the world (Alastair Humphreys)	Why the whales came (Michael Morpurgo)	The Magic Misfits (Neil Patrick Harris)	The Firework maker's Daughter (Philip Pullman)



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	Fiction				Non-Fiction						Poetry	
	To inform	To inform	To inform	To inform	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain	To entertain
English (Talk 4 Writing)	Model Text <i>The Manchester Ridge-back</i> Genre Information Shared write (teacher) The Storm Dragon Shared write (pupils) The Ice Dragon Hot Task Pupils invent a dragon species to write about Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Visit Drayton Manor!</i> Genre Persuasion (Advert) Shared write (teacher) Visit Birmingham! Shared write (pupils) Visit St George's! Hot Task Visit ____! Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Should dragons be kept as pets?</i> Genre Discussion Shared write (teacher) Should schools sell crisps at break time? Shared write (pupils) Should pupils have fast food at lunch? Hot Task Pupils to be given a choice of 3 discussion topics Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>School choir wins contest!</i> Genre Recount (Newspaper) Shared write (teacher) The Stone Age comes to St George's Shared write (pupils) The Romans come to St George's Hot task Year 4 visit the Gurdwara Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Gregory Cool</i> Genre Journey Tale Focus Characterisation Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Jack and the Dreamsack</i> Genre Wishing Tale Focus Setting Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Cinderella</i> Genre Change Tale Focus Description Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Varjak Paw</i> Genre Beating the Monster Focus Suspense Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>What is Pink?</i> Genre Poetry Focus Description Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>Pictures in my Head</i> Genre Poetry Focus Description Unit Length 3 Weeks	Model Text <i>He's Behind You!</i> Genre Poetry Focus Description Unit Length 3 Weeks	
Maths (White Rose)	Place Value (17 Lessons) Addition & Subtraction (10 Lessons)		Area (4 Lessons) Multiplication & Division A (13 Lessons)		Multiplication & Division B (15 Lessons) Length & Perimeter (9 Lessons)		Fractions (15 Lessons) Decimal A (10 Lessons)		Decimal B (8 Lessons) Money (6 Lessons) Time (5 Lessons)		Statistics (4 lessons) Position & Direction (5 Lessons) Consolidation	
Science (OUP)	Teeth and Digestion <i>What parts of the body are involved in the digestive process?</i>		States of Matter <i>Explain how a material can exist in more than one state.</i>		Living Things and the Environment <i>What are some of the features that make living things different?</i>				Sound <i>How are changes in volume and pitch travel to the ear and are heard?</i>		Electricity <i>How can a power source make circuits work and control them to perform useful functions?</i>	
History (OUP)	Roman Invasions <i>How did the Romans invade Britain and how successful were they?</i>		Roman Britain <i>'How did the Romans influence Britain?'</i>						Maya Civilization <i>What was life like in the Maya Civilisation and how do we know?</i>			
Geography (OUP)					Amazon: Rivers and Rainforests <i>What is the Amazon, why is it significant and should it be protected?</i>						The USA <i>What is it like in the USA?</i>	



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RE <i>(Sandwell Syllabus & Understanding Christianity)</i>	L2a.4 Gospel What kind of world did Jesus want? <i>Enriching and inspiring</i> Reflect		2a.5 Salvation Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? <i>Thoughtful and forgiving</i> Understand The Shepherd's Rap / Poetry <i>Taking every opportunity</i>		2a.6 Kingdom of God For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? <i>Reaching out to God and each other</i> <i>Growing in confidence and independence</i> Give reasons		L2.7 Learning form Islam: Keeping 5 Pillars of Islam. What difference does it make? (Islam) <i>Thoughtful and forgiving</i> Give reasons		L2.12 Why does the Prophet matter to Muslims? (Islam) <i>Growing in confidence and independence</i> Describe		L2.9 What is it like to be Jewish? Family Synagogue and Torah (Judaism) <i>Engaging with our communities</i> Understand	
PE	Football	Badminton	Gymnastics	Handball	Dance	Hockey	Tag Rugby	Basketball	Cricket	Rounders	Athletics	Tennis
Computing <i>(Kapow)</i>	Online Safety Y4 Computing systems and networks: Collaborative Learning		Programming 1: Further Coding with Scratch		Creating Media: Website Design		Skills Showcase: HTML		Programming 2: Computational thinking		Data Handling: Investigating Weather	
Music <i>(Charanga)</i>	Musical Structures		Exploring Feelings When You Play		Compose with Your Friends		More Musical Styles		Expression and Improvisation		Opening Night	
P.S.H.E. <i>(Jigsaw)</i> <i>British Values</i>	Being me in my world (Rule of Law)		Celebrating differences (Tolerance)		Dreams and Goals (Democracy)		Healthy Me (Individual Liberty)		Relationships (Mutual Respect)		Changing Me (Mutual Respect)	
Art <i>(Kapow)</i>	Power Prints <i>Focus Artists: Ed Ruscha</i>				Fabric of nature <i>Focus Artist: William Morris</i>				Light and Dark <i>Focus Artist: Van Gogh</i>			
D & T <i>(Kapow)</i>			Structure: Pavilions				Mechanical systems: Making a slingshot car				Electrical systems: Torches	
MFL <i>(Rising Stars)</i>	Book 2 On y va! (All aboard)		L'argent de poche (Pocket money)		Raconte-moi une histoire! (Tell me a story!)		Vive le sport! (Our sporting lives)		Le Carnaval des Animaux (The Carnival of the Animals)		Quel temps fait-il? (What's the weather like?)	
Whole school Events	15th September World Afro Day October - Black History Month 10th October World Mental Health Day 23rd October Harvest Festival		11th November Remembrance Day 13th – 18th November Interfaith Week 18th November Children in Need Sunday 28th November Advent begins 9th December Christmas Jumper Day		4th February NSPCC National Number Day 8th February Safer Internet Day		3rd March World Book Day 10 – 19th March British Science Week (Information to follow) 17th March Red Nose Day Sunday 19th March Mother's Day					