Termly Curriculum Overview

All Saints Catholic Academy Trust

Year 4 - Autumn 2026

English

- *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes: Pupils will work on their comprehension skills as they explore this longer text. This text provides plenty of opportunity for exploring grammatical elements such as sentence structure, punctuation and adverbials.
- Roman Myths: Children will explore different myths and infer the emotions and motives of certain characters. They will use expanded noun phrases and similes to describe mythical creatures.
- *Overheard on a Saltmarsh*: Pupils will explore a number of poems to allow for exciting opportunities to develop their understanding of rhythmic reading and poetic patterns.
- *Leon and the Place Between*: Children will take up many exciting opportunities to develop their reading, writing and spoken language skills.

Science

- Sound: We will be learning about how sound travels through the air to the ears. We will also learn about parts of the inner ear. We will learn about differences between pitch and volume.
- Electricity: In this unit of learning children will investigate making circuits and extends understanding of circuits, conductors and insulators and the need for a complete circuit in order for a device to work. Children are introduced to ways in which they can vary the current in a circuit.

PSHE/ RSE

- Religious Understanding: The children will learn that they are designed for a purpose and how they should live. They will also learn about the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.
- Me, My Body, My Health: As a class, we will learn to celebrate similarities and differences, and to appreciate and look after our bodies as gifts from God.

French

This term, Year 4 will learn how to Phonetic sounds and how to present ourselves. We will also be learning how to introduce members of our families.

History, Geography, Computing, Art and Design & Technology

- History: We will explore how Rome was founded and how the city expanded into an empire. Year 4 will also learn that Ancient Romans believed in gods and goddesses.
- Geography: The children will learn to identify and locate the seven continents and some of the countries within each one. We will also explore different areas around the world.
- Computing: In computing, children will be learning how to programme existing animations and games using repetition. Their final project is to design and create a game.
- Art and Design: We will explore the styles of significant focus artists – Georgia O'Keefe and J.M.W. Turner.
- Design and Technology: The children will design, make and evaluate their own pencil case. They will learn a variety of hand-sewing stitches.

Physical Education

- Golf: We will explore the hitting technique and aiming towards a target. We will also learn to hit over short and long distances.
- Dodgeball – Children will learn coordination, agility, teamwork and quick reactions.
- Hockey – Children will learn stick control and team work
- Dance: The children will learn movements, rhythm and routines through the genre 'Street Dance.'

Music

"This little light of mine" – this unit helps the children to focus on pentatonic scale. Carol concert practice – children will develop good vocals through muscle control, understanding parts of our voice.

Mathematics

- Numbers to 10 000: counting in multiples of 25, 100 and 1000; number sequences within 10 000; place value to 4 digits linking numbers in numerals and in words; compare numbers; rounding numbers to the nearest 1000, 100 and 10; apply this knowledge to approximate, total and find the difference.
- Addition and Subtraction within 10 000: mental strategies; addition and subtraction with and without renaming,
- Multiplication and Division: how to multiply and divide by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12.
- Graphs: drawing and reading pictograms, bar graphs and line graphs.
- By the end of year 4, the children should be able to recall the answers to all the times tables within six seconds.

RE

- Creation & Covenant: The pupils will learn that Abraham is a central figure in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, recognised as a model of faith in one God. They will learn that Abraham responded to God's call through a series of covenants, which Christians believe are ultimately fulfilled in Jesus. They will also encounter the story of Joseph to understand why the Israelites were in Egypt before studying Moses.
- Prophecy & Promise: Pupils will learn about the prophet Elijah, his call for Israel to return to God, his miracles, and his encounter with God in the gentle breeze. They will explore how Elijah's life leads to John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus in the Gospels. They also explore the significance of St Matthew's genealogy, linking Jesus to Abraham and the fulfilment of God's covenant.

Homework

- **Spellings:** New spellings set on Friday, followed by a weekly test in class on Friday.
- **Reading:** To be practiced 4 x weekly for 10 minutes. Books are due in to school on Tuesday new books will be sent home on Wednesday. Please sign the Reading Record weekly.
- **Maths:** Practice times tables on Times Tables Rock stars for 10 mins x 3 times week. Children can also practice their tables on Multiplication check.