



Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

Year: 4

Term: Autumn 1 2026



Termly overview: Welcome to Year 4! We hope everyone had a lovely summer break and is looking forward to this year. We're starting off in the most exciting fashion with our stay at Carlton Lodge; this newsletter lets you know about all the other, exciting learning to come in the weeks to follow. If you have anything linked to this term's learning that you would like to bring in and share with the class, please let us know. Please continue to encourage your child to read most days, access Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars at least 3x weekly and, if they have a login, Reading Plus to complete 5 books per week. Class Dojo will continue to be our main tool for home / school communications. *Mr Burge and Mr Martin*

English: We begin by consolidating our understanding of sentence structure and punctuation by writing character descriptions of heroes and villains. After that, we will develop our ability to recount events in a coherent and entertaining way, using features such as time conjunctions (e.g. when) and the past progressive tense (e.g. was writing) to help our work 'flow'.

Storytime / RfP: The first book we'll read together is 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. This is a complex adventure story with magic, time-shifts and cliff-hangers galore!

Maths: We will be extending our understanding of place value by working with whole numbers all the way up to 10,000, while also consolidating our times-tables recall by revising the two, three, five and ten times-tables. The children will take the statutory Multiplication Tables Check in June so becoming really fluent in multiplication facts is a key part of Year 4 maths.

DT: We'll be designing and making delicious Mediterranean salads in this mouth-watering Design Technology unit, before tasting and evaluating our work. Please do let us know if there are any allergies or intolerances which the school is not already aware of. Thank you.

RE: This term, we focus on Christianity. We will be looking at the figure of Jesus and thinking about why he is still inspiring to many people today.

Science: This term we will study chemistry as we look at States of Matter. We will learn how all matter is made of tiny particles and that the way these particles are arranged determines whether a substance is a gas, a liquid or a solid. We'll look at how matter changes from one state to another, with lots of fun, practical work during the unit.

Geography: Many of us visit the Mediterranean on holiday – some of the class may have done so this summer! We'll learn about the region and ask why it is so popular with British holidaymakers.

PE:
*** Tuesday & Friday***
We will be developing our football skills on Tuesdays and playing dodgeball on Fridays. Please send your child(ren) in PE kit on these days and ensure they have a spare pair of shoes in case their PE ones get muddy. Thank you.

PSHE: Knowing how to use the internet safely is the very important focus of this term's learning, covering screen time, age restrictions, online friendships and communication, as well when not to keep a secret.

Computing: We start the year by learning all about the internet – how it works, what it is good for (and also not so good for!) and how to stay safe when using it. This work links closely to our PSHE topic.

French: The children will begin by revising some of the language of greeting which they used learnt last year, with the focus on extending words into phrases and phrases into sentences. They'll learn how to talk about where they come from and will think about some of the ways in which letters can make different sounds in French than in English.