



# Curriculum Overview

4 Willow Autumn Term 1

## English



### READING – Fiction – Myths and Legends

We will be:

- Reading a variety of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts with a focus on reading for meaning and comprehension skills.
- Asking questions to develop the use of who, what, where, when, why
- Reading Class novel: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

We will be:

- Writing Mythical and Ghostly stories and creating characters to extend our vocabulary.
- Using correct presentation features, paragraphs, sub headings, pictures and introductory phrases.
- Developing our formal writing styles using verbs, nouns and adjectives and starting to use more detailed punctuation - ? ! : ;

### SPELLING:

We will be developing spelling skills and learning spelling patterns from Year 4 and 5 curriculum word list.

## TOPIC: History Geography, Art and D&T



### Topic Unit: The Ancient Mayans

*In our TOPIC activities we will be finding out about:*

*where and how the Maya Civilisation lived.*

*Investigate the Mayan's own alphabet and numerical system, using it to solve our own puzzles.*

*Investigating the religious beliefs of the Mayans, whilst, designing, creating and evaluating our own Mayan God's.*

*Interpreting artist's work from this era and using it as inspiration to create our own work.*

## Science



*In Science we will be learning about:*

*How living things and animals are grouped in a variety of ways. They will explore and use keys to identify and name a variety of living things, as well as looking at habitats and their changes.*

## Maths



### NUMBER and CALCULATION

We will be learning and reinforcing skills linked to:

- Place value, reading writing and ordering numbers.
- Rounding, ordering and comparing numbers.
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division formal methods.

*We will place a big focus on Problem solving and applying four number operations to real life problems.*

### MEASURE - Shape & Space

We will be learning and reinforcing skills linked to: Identifying triangles through problem solving and real life situations.

We will be covering:

- Units of standard measures.
- Area / Perimeter of Rectangles.
- Coordinates, using coordinates to read maps.

*We will be using our knowledge of shape to create our own Mayan Pyramids!*



## Physical Education



In PE we will:

- 4 Willow will be going swimming every Thursday throughout the Autumn Term.
- 4/5 Rowan will be developing their flexibility and control through varying sports and gymnastic activities, including free-running.

## Music



In Music, all students will have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Children will sample 4 instruments and then state their 2 preferred choices. Children will then be allocated an instrument that they will take home and learn throughout the year in each Monday music lesson.

## Computing



In Computing: We are learning about...

- Computer networks, including the internet, and how they provide multiple services and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.

## Life Skills and R.E.



In LIFE skills and R.E. we will be looking at:

Peace

Explaining the meaning of the word 'peace'.

Explaining how different religions view peace.

Stating the similarities and differences between each religion's view on peace.

Explaining how some religions use inner peace to find peace and reflecting on this technique.

Explaining how religions focus on community cohesion to bring about peace.  
Recognising key peace symbols.

# Themed Days

Entry to Topic:

Mayan Masks

Creating a living rainforest

Exit to Topic:

Ongoing!

Reading Targets:

Year 4 - I can discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination and recognise the use and effect of patterned language in text.

Forest School:

4 Willow - 15/11, 22/11, 29/11, 6/12

On Forest School days, children must come to school in their outdoor clothing. Please make note of the weather.

## Upcoming Events

- 13/9 Parents Welcome Meeting: Yr 4, 4/5 at 5.30pm.
- 13/9: Ref Training: Lunchtime. Years 4 and 4/5
- 2/10 School Photographs
- 16/10 Children to collect poppy making resources.
- 19/10 Harvest Festival
- 19/10 Halloween Disco

Please Note:

We will be outdoors for some of our topic work and it would be helpful if you can make sure your child has an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school.