

Curriculum Summary

Year 4 Spring 2019

Cross-curricular topics:
Ancient Greece, The Earth and Africa

Preparing children for life



English

- Poetry: Tanka, Haiku and Cinquains.
- Narrative. Significant author – Ted Hughes. The Iron Man.
- Persuasive writing. Should animals be kept in captivity?
- Explanation texts.
- Newspaper Reports.

Mathematics

- Place value to 2 decimal places.
- Ordering, rounding.
- Four operations and word problems.
- Fractions.
- Time: analogue, digital, 24hr, timetables.
- Weight - Reading scales.
- Properties of numbers and sequences.
- Fractions and decimals.

Science

- Changing states - evaporation and condensation.
- Investigating factors that affect evaporation.
- The Water Cycle.
- How sounds are made.
- How sounds travel.
- Loudness and pitch.
- Sound proofing.

Computing

- Programming: using 'Scratch' to create a game.
- Graphical modelling – using computer models to represent a real-life situation.
- Introduction to spreadsheets – spreadsheets and their uses.

Art and Design

- Design and make beach huts, considering materials, size and construction techniques.
- Fun with Abstraction.
- Observational drawing.
- Still life.
- Contemporary Art.

French

- En Ville: places in the town.
- Directions.
- Clothes and colours.
- Masculine and feminine nouns.
- Adjectival agreement.
- Stories, games, songs and rhymes.

Geography

- Identifying continents.
- Key geographical features of each continent.
- Major capital cities.
- Human and physical features of different countries.

History

- Locating Greece on a map.
- key dates.
- What is an empire?
- Gods/religion.
- Greek writing system.
- Olympic Games.

Music

- New rhythm combinations on African drums.
- Recorders: New songs using notes B, A, G, E, C and D.
- Songs for Easter Service.
- Listening and appraising: Tchaikovsky and Strauss.

PE

- Games: rules, invasion, attacking and defending play in netball, football and hockey.
- Swimming: improving stroke technique, safety and water skills.
- Introduction to lacrosse.
- Dance – movement, rhythm and basic choreography.

PSHE

- Internet Safety.
- Fairtrade.
- Debates/different opinions.
- Different families.
- Equal Opportunities.
- Care for the Elderly.
- Gift of Sight.

Religious Studies

- Humanities will focus on Geography and History during the Spring Term. Religious Studies lessons will be resumed in the Summer Term.

PHILOSOPHY lessons will take place approximately every 3 weeks. Philosophical themes and ideas will be considered and discussed.

These topics are merely what we would like to cover. Please note that as an Independent school, we enjoy the flexibility to explore any other interesting area of learning that may arise during the term, and therefore the list should be taken as a guide only.

Further Useful Information

The school gate opens at 8:10am. Registration takes place between 8:50 and 8:55am.
Collection time for Year 4 is 3.45pm.

Trips and Events

Friday 1 st February	Year 4 Trip to Horrible Histories at Theatre Royal
Monday 4 th February	Internet Safety Week
Friday 8 th February	Open Classroom
Tuesday 12 th February	English/Spelling Workshop for parents & Carers
Thursday 14 th February	Informal Spring Concert by invitation only
Thursday 14 th February	Upper School grade sheets sent home via Portal
Friday 15 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 26 th February	Parents/Carers Evening
Wednesday 27 th February	Mindfulness Parents Lunch
Thursday 28 th February	Parents/Carers Evening
Tuesday 5 th March	Parents/Carers Evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March	Art Exhibition and Sale
Monday 11 th March	British Science Week
Tuesday 12 th March	Choir Competition
Friday 15 th March	Open Classroom event
Thursday 28 th March	Upper School Church Service at St Luke's