

# Curriculum Summary

## Year 4 Autumn 2017

Cross-curricular topic:  
The Tudors

Preparing children for life



## English

- Using a dictionary and thesaurus.
- Spelling, homophones and suffixes.
- Grammar and punctuation skills.
- Comprehension skills.
- Poetry (writing and analysis).
- Persuasive writing.
- Playscripts.
- Narrative and descriptive writing.
- Instructions and note taking.

## Mathematics

- Place value to 100,000 and beyond.
- Addition/subtraction: mental and written strategies, money/decimals.
- Shapes: 2D, 3D.
- Statistics: Interpret and present data.
- Multiplication: TU x U (partitioning).
- Time on analogue and digital clock.
- Read/write Roman numerals to 100.
- Problem solving.
- Fractions.

## Science

- Vertebrates and invertebrates.
- Functions of the skeleton and comparing skeletons.
- Teeth and their functions.
- Human digestive system.
- Properties of solids, liquids and gases.
- States of Matter.
- Condensation.
- Evaporation.
- The Water Cycle.

## Computing

- E-Safety.
- Programming with Scratch.
- Extending skills in MS Word.
- Programming Lego WeDo models.
- Research and report on Henry VIII's marriages.
- 'Hour of Code' programming.

## Art and Design

- Colour mixing – flesh tones.
- Portraiture – Holbein.
- Picasso – Abstraction.
- Observational drawing.
- Klimt.
- Collage identikit faces.

## French

- Francophone countries.
- Weather and days of the week.
- Travel and transport (verb – aller).
- Numbers 1 – 200.
- Christmas.
- Stories, songs, rhymes and games.

## **Geography**

- Familiarisation with UK map, linked to Tudors.
- Investigation of the 'friends' and 'enemies' of Tudor England.
- Discussion of discovered lands, to be continued into the Spring Term when looking at Tudor explorers.

## **History**

- Chronological time periods.
- Developing an understanding of how people in the past had family, organised society and a belief system.
- Studying Henry VIII and the key changes he made in shaping the monarchy.

## **Music**

- Introduction to the African drums.
- Recorders: note reading and improvisation using Charanga Music World.
- Music for Class Assembly.
- Songs and glockenspiels using Solfa.
- Learn about the Musical Periods.

## **PE**

- Gym – National Gymnastics Award
- Games: invasion; attacking and defending skills in netball and football.
- Swimming: stroke development and water safety.
- Fitness testing and effects of exercise on the body.

## **PSHE**

- New beginnings.
- Developing listening skills.
- Expressing feelings – consideration for others. Being kind and responsive to others.

## **Religious Studies**

- Evaluating Britain as a multi-faith country.
- Investigating similarities and differences between religions in the past.
- Tracing the development of religions in creating Britain as a multi-cultural society.

**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

Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Bubblemaker Taster Session (SCUBA)
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Open School for Parents & Carers
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September	AGM and Quiz night
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Trip to Michelham Priory
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September	McMillan Coffee Morning
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu Vaccination
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Bubblemaker Taster Session (SCUBA)
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Reasoning Workshop for Parents & Carers
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest display for Parents & Carers
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent & Carers/Teacher Evening
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent & Carers/Teacher Evening
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Maths Curriculum Workshop
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 4 Assembly to Parents & Carers
Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Classrooms for Parents & Carers
Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Disco
Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Christmas Church Service