

Year 4 Curriculum Overview



Autumn Term 2026

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you have had a relaxing summer holiday and are ready to begin your learning journey in Year 4!

The Year 4 team this year is made up of Mr Hughes, Miss Pemberton, Mrs Duff and Mrs Norris. We look forward to working together with you to support your children as they grow as an individual and in their learning throughout the year.

This term our topic is Stone Age to Iron Age. This topic will provide us with lots of hands-on learning experiences to develop our understanding and will be linked to other curriculum areas.

As ever, if there are any problems don't hesitate to get in contact – you can find the email on the back of this curriculum letter.

Stone Age to Iron Age

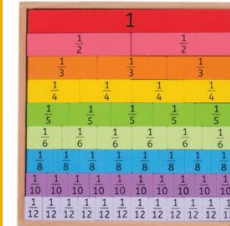
This term we will begin by travelling back in time all the way to the Stone Age! From here we will immerse ourselves in what early life might have been like in Britain. We will imagine we are among the first settlers, hunting for food in order to survive. As time moves on, so will our learning and we will begin to explore the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Our learning will lead us to all manner of practical and interesting places – get ready to paint caves and create tools this term!



Maths

To start with, we will recap our knowledge of place value – the building blocks of all things Maths. Once we've done this, we'll look to master addition and subtraction using the formal written method – this is crucial to all Maths moving through school.

Next, we will move on to multiplication and division – multiplication will be particularly important this year with our multiplication check taking place later in the year. If you'd like to know what methods we use in class, don't hesitate to look at our calculation policy or look out for any Maths parent workshops taking place this term.



MFL

In French, the children will continue to develop their language skills through the topic of 'Numbers, Calendars and Birthdays'. We will not doubt link this to Maths to make learning exciting, practical and fun!

English

This term our English work will be heavily based around our class novel 'The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe' by C.S.Lewis.



Narrative

Our class novel will provide us with inspiration for our writing. We will step into the shoes of Lucy Pevensie as she enters Narnia, exploring what she will encounter and how she might feel. We will then create our own fairytale story that will take us through a portal – we really could end up anywhere!

Folktales

Next, we'll dive into amazing folktales where clever animals play tricks and teach us important lessons. You'll have the opportunity to create your own clever animals, daring tricks and interesting morals in a folktale that's all yours!

Science

In Science, we will begin by looking at teeth and digestion. We'll be making molds of our teeth as well as getting our hands dirty recreating the digestion system – be prepared for things to get a little bit yucky!

P.E

PE will take place every Tuesday so please ensure your child arrives at school wearing the correct PE kit (joggers when it is cold). This term children will be learning about 'Invasion Games' such as Netball and then they will move on to Athletics and Gym.

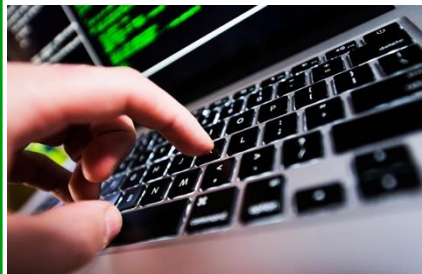


R.E

In RE we will begin by exploring Christianity, with our first topic being 'God, David and the Psalms'. Then, as Christmas approaches, we will begin exploring the symbolism of light. Both topics will provide children opportunities to engage in deeper thinking and reflection.

Computing

This term we will focus on developing our understanding of technology and how we can use it. We will develop our researching skills, reinforcing safety online. Then we will create an eye-catching newspaper report linking to our RE learning.



Helping at home

Times Tables: In Year 4, the times tables are extremely important as children will have to take the national times tables check later on in the year. We will spend time daily learning all the times tables up to 12x12, which the children will be tested on weekly. You can support your child further by practising with them at home and encouraging them to access the websites below.

<https://ttrockstars.com/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Reading: Please support your child by reading together at least 3 times a week and signing their diary after each read. The children will now have responsibility to change their book as and when is necessary. Additionally, children will also be able to choose a 'reading for pleasure' book from the library to bring home and develop their love of reading.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and is expected to be handed in by the following Friday. Homework will mainly consist of times tables practice, spellings and an English or Maths activity that reinforces an aspect of learning from the week.

Getting in Touch: Any messages, worries or concerns can be sent to the Year 4 email (yearfour@croston-pri.lancs.sch.uk). Please contact the office directly with any medical appointments or any other urgent matters.