

Year 4

Summer 1 Curriculum Overview 2024



Curriculum Area	Focus this half term	Opportunities for home learning
English	<p><i>The Matchbox Diary</i> by Paul Fleischman. The children discover a set of matchboxes containing some of the mementoes from the story and go on to make predictions and inferences, exploring vocabulary and writing in role. They use freeze-frames to help write a conversation between two migrants on board the ship to America and research two famous landmarks - Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. They finish by choosing some items for their own Matchbox Diary.</p> <p>One Upon A Dream – a poetry competition looking at descriptive techniques to write and publish a poem on the theme of ‘Dreams’. These will be entered into a national competition and some will be chosen to be included in a poetry anthology.</p> <p><i>The Story of Tutankhamun</i> by Patricia Cleveland-Peck. The children begin by exploring the history of Tutankhamun and writing reports about Ancient Egypt before going on to find out about Howard Carter and exploring the stories and legends about the curse of Tutankhamun’s tomb. The sequence of learning finishes with children writing a biography of Howard Carter.</p> <p>Guided Reading</p> <p>Poems From a Green and Blue Planet</p>	<p>The expectation at St. Michael’s is for every child to read out loud to someone at home at least three times a week. Please ensure that you sign the reading diary.</p>
Maths	<p>Decimals: making a whole with tenths and hundredths; partitioning; comparing and ordering; rounding to the nearest whole number; halves and quarters as decimals</p> <p>Money: write money using decimals; converting between pounds and pence; comparing and ordering amounts; estimating, calculating and solving problems</p> <p>Time: years, months, weeks and days; hours, minutes and seconds; convert between analogue and digital; converting to and from the 24 hour clock</p>	<p>The Year 4 Multiplication Check will be taking place in the first two weeks back after the Half Term break. Please continue to practise times tables with your child using Times Tables Rockstars or timestables.co.uk</p>

Science	States of matter: compare and group materials into solids, liquids and gases; observe changes of state through heating and cooling; the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle
RE	Kingdom of God: When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?
Geography	Rivers: where water comes from; rivers of the world; features of a river; erosion and deposition; how we use rivers; dams and hydroelectric power
History	Roman Empire – Romans in Italy
PSHE	Money (including a session with a guest from HSBC on Monday 10 th June): how to pay for things; spending and saving; keeping track of money; risks associated with money including gambling; spending decisions and the impact on the environment (e.g. Fair Trade etc); the impact of money on feelings and emotions
Computing	Programming: repetition in programming using Scratch; designing and creating a game
P.E	Gymnastics: working with a partner; sequences; changing level and shape Outdoor and adventurous activities: problem-solving and adventure games; using map skills to navigate accurately around a course