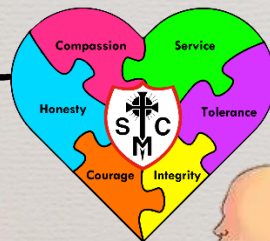


Year 4 Learning Overview



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Grammar

During the Punctuation and Grammar unit, children will build their understanding of how language works to become more confident writers.

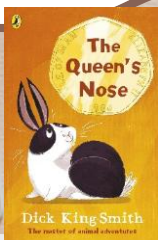
They will learn to use a range of sentence types, including simple, compound and complex sentences and apply grammatical features such as conjunctions, pronouns and fronted adverbials to make their writing more effective.

Children will also develop their use of punctuation, including commas, apostrophes and inverted commas for direct speech.

After this unit, these skills will be revisited and practiced across a variety of writing units, helping children to write clearly, accurately and creatively whilst developing confidence in editing and improving their own work.



Whole Class Reading



We will use a range of reading strategies to develop children's fluency, comprehension and enjoyment of reading. Through these sessions, children will learn how to retrieve information, make predictions, infer characters' feelings, summarise key events, clarify unfamiliar vocabulary and explain their understanding using evidence from the text.

Maths

We will be looking at:

Place Value, by working with numbers up to 10,000. They will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers, identify the value of each digit and count forwards and backwards in different steps.

Children will also practice rounding numbers and using their place value knowledge to solve reasoning and problem-solving questions.

A secure understanding of place value provides the foundation for all other areas of maths and is a key focus in Year 4.



RE

Creation and Covenant

This term in RE, the children will learn about Abraham and Joseph and explore how their faith, hope and trust in God guided the decisions they made. We will learn about the covenant God made with Abraham, learn why Abraham is an important figure in both Judaism and Christianity and explore key stories from the Old Testament. Children will reflect on how prayer, faith, hope and love can influence our actions and help us to be good neighbours.

Through discussion and reflection, children will consider how these virtues can make a positive difference in their own lives and communities.

Geography



As Geographers, children will explore settlements and land use, developing their understanding of why people choose to live in certain places and how these places change over time. They will learn what a settlement is and investigate whether Nottingham is a good place to settle by considering its location, resources and transport links. Children will examine how Nottingham has changed over time, exploring changes in land use and how these developments have affected both the local community and the environment. They will also learn about the impact people can have on the environment and consider how communities can make positive choices to support the places they live.

Music



The music specialist teachers will come into Year 4 once a week on a Friday. Lessons this term will focus on Timeless Pop Songs from The 70s. – Mamma Mia by Abba

They will learn about:

- Listen and Appraise
- Musical Activities
- Learn to Sing the Song
- Play Instruments with the Song
- Improvise with the Song: using voices and instruments

PE



In PE this term, we will be focusing on **Hockey**.

Children will develop skills such as learning how to hold a hockey stick correctly, dribble and control a ball, pass and receive accurately and shoot with increasing confidence.

Children will also explore attacking and defending strategies, teamwork and communication, while learning the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship.

Through small-sided games and skill-based challenges, children will build their coordination, agility, balance and confidence in competitive situations.

RSE

♥ Loved
by God

Children will understand that they are special and loved by God. By learning that they were created out of love and for love, children begin to appreciate the importance of valuing themselves, which lays the foundation for healthy relationships with others.

In this unit they will learn:

- Respecting our bodies
- What is puberty?
- Changing bodies
- Life cycles
- A time for everything
- Big changes, little changes

Computing



Computing Systems and Networks

Children will learn about computer systems and Networks and develop their understanding of how technology connects people and devices. They will explore how information is shared across networks including the internet and learn how different devices communicate with one another.

Children will investigate the parts of a network, understand the benefits of being connected digitally and discuss how to stay safe and responsible when using technology.

Spanish



Children will be learning 'La Classe' (The Classroom) in Spanish. They will learn the names of common classroom objects, identify whether nouns are masculine or feminine and use key vocabulary to describe items found in the classroom.

Children will develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through a variety of engaging activities, songs and games.

By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to recognise and use classroom-related vocabulary confidently and take part in simple conversations about things they use and see in their classroom environment.