

YEAR 4 CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2026-2027

	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Subject	History		Science		Geography	
Theme	Ancient Civilisations		Ingenious Inventors		Buzzing Brazil	
	Key figure: Howard Carter Event/legacy: Discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb • Ancient civilisation overview • Ancient Egypt • Mayans • Water systems and farming • North America - countries and cities • Geographical skills – grid references		Key figure: Garrett Morgan Event/legacy:) Traffic Light Circuits • Chronology of inventors and inventions • Historical significance – impact of technology • Thomas Edison – light bulb • North America, States in the USA • Rivers		Key figure: Marina Silva Event/legacy: Brazilian environmentalist • South America – countries and cities • Forest biomes comparison • Land use and economic activity • Deforestation of the Amazon (South America) • Silva's work and its impact on deforestation over time	
English	Non-chronological report	Rags to Riches	Persuasive text – letter	Tragedy	Newspaper report	Rebirth
	Poetry – Haiku and Tanka				Poetry Different cultures – Africa	
Maths (approximate time frames)	Place Value	Multiplication and Division	Fractions	Decimals	Statistics	Consolidation
	Addition and Subtraction				Time	
					Shape	
Science	Animals Including Humans (Digestion & Teeth)	States of Matters	Electricity	Sound	Living things and Their Habitats	Animals Including Humans (Food Chains)
Art Cycle B	• Drawing – Direct Observation (oil pastel) • Drawing – Figures • Painting – Watercolour Landscapes • Sculpture – Contemporary Clay					

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DT Cycle B	• Mechanisms – Complex Levers (catapults) • Textiles – Comfort • Structures – Complex Structures (animal enclosure) • Food and Nutrition – Marvellous Mornings					
Music Cycle B	• Listening and Appreciating – Country • Listening and Appreciating – Rock • Performance – Rock and Roll • Composition – Classical					
Cultural Capital Cycle B	• Enterprise – Brighten Up Burwell • Performance – Pantomime • Digital Media – Interactive eBook • Cultural Understanding – Changing Societies & British Values					
RE	Buddhism Is it possible for everyone to be happy?	Christianity What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?	Buddhism Could the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?	Christianity Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?	Buddhism What is the best way for a Buddhist to lead a good life?	Christianity Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?
Computing	Programming Scratch Unit 3	Digital Drawing	Microsoft Office	Online Communication	AI	Programming Scratch Unit 4
French	Portraits – describing in French	Clothes – getting dressed in French	French numbers, calendars and birthdays		French food – miam, miam!	
PE swimming	Gymnastics (Stage 4 & 5)		Games – Badminton (Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4)		Athletics – jumping (Stage 6)	
	Games – Rugby (Stage 5)		Games – Basketball (court marking, playing games) (Stages 5, 6 & 7)		Games – Cricket (Stages 1, 2, 3, & 4)	