# Year 4 Curriculum Overview



CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR YEAR 4 LAKEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

	AUTUMN TERM		
Writing:	Maths:	Reading:	Science:
The Bear and the Paino Where the Wild Things Are  The Crow's Tale  The Crow's Tale  Along the Tapajos  The Tapajos  The Crow's Tale  The Egyptian Cinderella Rhythm of the Rain  The Retells  Instructions  Poetry  Explanation texts  Diary entries  Non-chronological reports	This term, pupils' learning will focus on:  Number:  • Place value (representing and partitioning numbers up to 10,000; estimating, comparing and ordering numbers to 10,000 within 10; rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000)  • Addition and subtraction (Adding and subtracting up to 1000s, two-digit numbers up to 4-digits with up to two exchanges, using efficient strategies and checking)  • Multiplication and division (Multiply and divide by 0, 1, 3,6,7,9,11,12 and multiply three numbers)	Skills we will be focusing on:  • Word reading (reading ageappropriate texts with fluency and accuracy to establish meaning)  • Vocabulary (to check the meaning of words and find synonyms)  • Explaining choice and viewpoint (discuss impact of authors' words)  • Retrieval (through skimming and scanning)  • Interpret and infer (studying character's thoughts and motivations)  • Predict (justifying using evidence)  • Sequence/summarise (summarising main points)  • Perform (using appropriate tone)	Food and the digestive system In this biology topic, pupils learn about the human digestive system. They explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying teeth types and their functions. They link this learning to animals' diets and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.  Sound In this physics topic, pupils learn about sound, how sound is made and how sound travels as vibrations through a medium to the ear. They learn about pitch and volume and find out how both can be changed.

- Letter writing
- Biographies
- Recounts

Structuring paragraphs around an idea.

Using 'Show not Tell' for character's emotions.

Writing character and setting descriptions.

Forming cursive letters of the right size and orientation.

Using a comma after a fronted adverbial.

Modifying noun phrases with an adjective, noun or preposition.

Choosing appropriate vocabulary specific to the genre, for impact and meaning.

Using subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions.

Using inverted commas for direct speech including a reporting clause and an adverb.

Using a variety of openers.

Writing in the correct tense and sustaining it.

Writing simple, compound and complex sentences.

Using metaphors and similes.

Using genre specific features.

Geography:	History:	RE & PSHE:	PE:
Interconnected world  Pupils will be learning about compass points and four and six-figure grid references. They learn about the tropics and the countries, climates, and culture of North and South America. Children identify physical features in the United Kingdom and learn about the	Invasion  This project teaches pupils about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest.	PSHE There are 2 topics we will be exploring from the 'Health and Wellbeing' and 'Relationships' strands this term: • What strengths, skills and interests do we have? How to recognise personal qualities How to develop self-worth	Pupils have 2 PE lessons per week and should wear their PE kit on their allocated PE day.  In the first half term, our topics will be:  • Dance (freeze frames in routines, different formations in dance)  • Handball (develop 3 step rule incorporating bounce, blocking and intercepting, the rules of handball)

National Rail and canal networks. They conduct an enquiry to prove a hypothesis, gathering data from maps and surveys before drawing conclusions.		How to set ourselves goals How to learn from mistakes  • How do we treat each other with respect?  How behaviour affects us How to model being polite and courteous How to link rights and responsibilities  RE: Pupils will be learning about world religions and their teachings via the following dispositions:  • Expressing Joy • Being Thankful • Being Reflective and Self- Critical • Being Curious and Valuing Knowledge	In the second half term, our topics will be:  • Dance (concentrating on one simple theme throughout and linking all activities to communicate this to an audience)  • Football (defensive skills, dribble in different directions using different parts of the foot, passing for distance)
Computing:	Music:	Art & Design:	Design & Technology:
Pupils will be completing two computing units this half term:  • The internet  • Audio production	Pupils will be completing one Charanga music unit this term:  • Mamma Mia • Glockenspiel Stage 2	Contrast and complement In this project, pupils learn about colour theory, tertiary/warm/cool/complementary /analogous colours.  Warp and weft This project teaches pupils about the development of weaving over time, including the materials and techniques.	Fresh food, good food Pupils learn about food decay and preservation, discovering key inventions in food preservation and packaging, then make examples. Pupils prepare, package and evaluate a healthy snack.

### **SPRING TERM** Writing: Reading: Science: Maths: Books we will be studying: Books we will be enjoying: Number: Multiplication and **division** (multiply and divide by 10 and 100; multiply and divide by Genres of writing taught: up to 3-digit by 1-digit; Skills we will be focusing on: **Electrical circuits and** Significant authors • Word reading (applying knowledge **Fractions** (Partition of conductors of root words, prefixes, and This physics project Journalistic writing mixed numbers, comparing and suffixes) teaches pupils about Stories which raise issues • Vocabulary (using words to electrical appliances and Persuasive letter (informal) ordering, converting capture interest and have a specific safety. They construct Skills we will be focusing on: mixed to improper Experiment with different tenses fractions, equivalent effect on the reader) simple series circuits and • Explaining choice and viewpoint name their parts and Use commas accurately to separate clauses fractions and simplifying fractions) (using language, structure and functions, including Combine adjectives, verbs and adverbs effectively **Decimals** (comparing switches, wires and cells. Direct speech used accurately (layout and punctuation) presentation as clues to meaning) They investigate and ordering mixed and • Retrieval (using relevant quotes to Use paragraphs to organise texts clearly improper fractions; electrical conductors and Link ideas in a paragraph in a variety of ways support answers) insulators and identify Writing is lively to interest and engage the reader finding equivalent • Interpret and infer (inferring Long and short sentences (clauses and appropriate fractions; adding and thoughts and feelings from actions) common features of conductors. It also subtracting fractions) punctuation) • **Predict** (using prior knowledge to Effective language choices for viewpoint teaches pupils about inform predictions) programmable devices. Measurement: Sequence/summarise (identifying They combine their **Length** (measure in m themes from more than one text) learning to design and and km, find equivalent • **Perform** (using appropriate tone make a nightlight. lengths) and volume) Area and perimeter (regular shapes) **Statistics:** Graphs (interpret and draw line graphs and charts)

Geography:	History:	RE & PSHE:	PE:
Geography is not taught within an explicit topic this term. Pupils will continue to retrieve their geographical knowledge from last term via regular retrieval practice. They will also utilise some of their geography skills in their History lessons.	Ancient Civilisations This project teaches pupils about the history of three of the world's first ancient civilisations: ancient Sumer, ancient Egypt and the Indus Valley civilisation. Pupils will learn about the rise, life, achievements, and eventual end of each civilisation.	PSHE There are 2 topics we will be exploring this half term from our 'Health and Wellbeing' strand:  • How can we manage our feelings? How feelings change over time How to express and respond to feelings How to manage loss and change How to access advice and support  • How can we help in an accident? How to conduct basic first aid How to support someone with a head injury When to seek adult help with first aid How to respond in an emergency  RE: Pupils will be learning about world religions and their teachings via the following dispositions:  • Being Modest and Listening to Others • Creating Inclusion, Identity and Belonging • Being Merciful and Forgiving • Responding to Suffering	Pupils have 2 PE lessons per week and should wear their PE kit on their allocated PE day.  In the first half term, our topics will be:  • Gymnastics (perform skills more consistently, perform in time with a partner/group, compositional ideas in sequences)  • Cricket (play in a competitive context, use a range of simple tactics)  In the second half term, our topics will be:  • Gymnastics (body actions and shapes in a sequence, define muscle groups needed to support the core of the body, taking weight on small and large body parts)  • Netball (high-five netball rules and positions, basic shooting technique, marking and footwork)
Computing:	Music:	Art & Design:	Design & Technology:
Pupils will be completing two computing units this half term:  • Repetition in shapes	Pupils will be completing one Charanga runit this term:	music	
Photo editing	<ul><li>Stop</li><li>Lean on Me</li></ul>	Statues, statuettes and figurines	Tomb builders

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	SUMMER TERM		
Writing:	Maths:	Reading:	Science:

# Books we will be studying:







## Genres of writing taught:

- Myths and legends
- Poetry
- Non-chronological report

Purpose is maintained across a text

Recount - diary

# Skills we will be focusing on:

Creating pace in narrative with speech and action Experiment with different tenses

Use a range of sentence openers appropriate to the purpose and text type

Accurate use of commas

Use language that matches purpose and style Similes used effectively and appropriately Paragraphs are structured cohesively – time, topic, events, processes

### Number:

**Decimals** (Partitioning, ordering and comparing, rounding)

### Measurement:

- Money (convert, compare and estimate, calculating and problem solving with money)
- **Time** (converting analogue and digital time; converting from the 24 hour clock: problem solving with time)
- Area (calculating and comparing areas)

# Geometry:

- Angles (Identify, compare and order angles in triangle and quadrilaterals; lines of symmetry in polygons)
- Co-ordinates (plot, describe position and translate)

# Books we will be enjoying:









# Skills we will be focusing on:

- Word reading (reading fluency to establish meaning and inform intonation)
- **Vocabulary** (finding meaning of words in context)
- Explaining choice and viewpoint (recognising authorial choice and its purpose)
- Retrieval (applying retrieval skills to fiction and non-fiction)
- **Interpret and infer** (using more than one source of evidence to support inference)
- **Predict** (comparing and evaluating predictions throughout a text)
- **Sequence/summarise** (sharing appropriate information in a range of ways)
- **Perform** (using appropriate intonation, tone, volume, and action)



### States of matter

In this chemistry topic, pupils learn about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.



# **Grouping and classifying**

This biology project teaches pupils about grouping living things, known as classification. They study the animal and plant kingdoms and use and create classification keys to identify living things.

**Geography: History: RE & PSHE:** PE:



Misty mountain, winding river

This project teaches pupils about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

History is not taught within an explicit topic this term.

Pupils will continue to retrieve their historical knowledge from last term via regular retrieval practice. They will also utilise some of their history skills in their Geography lessons.

### **PSHE**

There are 2 topics we will be exploring this half term from our 'Living in the Wider World' and 'Health and Wellbeing' strands:

• How can our choices make a difference to others and the environment?

How we share responsibility to protect the world How everyday choices can affect the environment How spending money can affect others or the environment

How to share care and concern for others

How can we manage risk in different places?

How to manage risk in different situations How to keep safe in the local environment How people's online actions can impact on others How to keep safe online

### RE:

Pupils will be learning about world religions and their teachings via the following dispositions:

- Living by Rules
- Being Temperate, Self-Disciplined and Seeking Contentment
- Being Imaginative and Exploratory/Appreciating Beauty

Pupils have 2 PE lessons per week and should wear their PE kit on their allocated PE day.

In the first half term, our topics will be:

- Athletics (running, throwing and jumping activities, using equipment to measure, time and compare runs, jumps and throws)
- Rounders (develop a range of skills in a competitive context, use a range of simple tactics, identify different roles in the game)

In the second half term, our topics will be:

- OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities) (work well in a team or group, use maps, compasses and symbols)
- Tennis (forehand and backhand shots, returning the serve, positions in game play).

Computing:	Music:	Art & Design:	Design & Technology:
Pupils will be completing two computing units this half term:  • Data logging • Repetition in games	Pupils will be completing one Charanga music unit this term:  Blackbird Reflect, Rewind, Replay	Vista This project teaches pupils about colour and atmosphere in landscape images.  Animal	Functional and fancy fabrics This project teaches pupils about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.

	This project teaches pupils about the portrayal of animals in art. They study this by sketching, printing, and clay modelling.
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