Fossdene Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

This document outlines the order of the teaching sequence. Refer to individual subject plans for more detail.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	**Core Text:** Fortunately the Milk Letter from Dad to Children Own Narrative - using time space continuum	**Core text: need new KO** Nikhil and Jay The Star Birthday Internal Monologue - description of the birthday celebration Expanded noun phrases (using adjectives and prepositional phrases) Fronted adverbials followed by commas Prepositional phrases to describe place Correct use of Standard English verb forms Pronouns to avoid repetition and	**Bob Cox Unit:** Once Upon a Time There Was a Piece of Wood – Pinocchio – Carlo Collodi **Poetry Core text Bob Cox** How out of breath you are Dear March by Emily Dickinson	**Core Text: need new KO** Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet Alternative Perspective - Daniel or Charlie Include thoughts, feelings and reflections. Year 4 focus: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases Paragraphs Dialogue Powerful verbs Similes 2. Newspaper report Following one of Omar's misunderstandings.	**Core Text:** The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe Newspaper Report Own Version (set in another world) **Poetry Core text Bob Cox** All in this house is missing over - Momentos by Charlotte Bronte	**Core Text: need new KO** **Who let the Gods Out - same text different outcomes** **Outcomes:** Persuasive Speech - Virgo's Defense emotive language to describe thoughts and feelings. Alternative Chapter - Virgo and Ellliot meet a mythical creature

		create cohesion Paragraphs to organise ideas Apostrophes for singular and plural possession Commas to clarify meaning where appropriate Relative clauses (to challenge higher-attaining pupils) Powerful verbs and ambitious adjectives to create atmosphere Similes and personification (as a composition focus rather than statutory grammar) Precise vocabulary to describe the setting using the five senses Formal invitation to a Chennai party from Grandad and Granny		Children could include: • Headline • Introduction • Quotes • Formal language • Organisational features		

Grammar Explicitly taught	Main & Subordinate Clauses Conjunctions Prepositions Adverbs Tenses	Direct Speech Types of Nouns Recognising & Expanding Noun Phrases Using Expanded Noun Phrases	Recognising Pronouns Using Pronouns Recognising Determiners Using Determiners	Recognising Adverbial Phrases Using Adverbial Phrases Recognising Fronted Adverbials Using Fronted Adverbials	Apostrophes Recognising Speech Punctuation Using Speech Punctuation Direct or Indirect Speech Prefixes il,ir,im,in	Consolidation of Y4 grammar curriculum
Spelling – Y2 to 6 Explicitly taught	-Words that are homophones -Words with the prefix 'in-' -Words with the prefixes 'il-', 'im-' and 'ir-' -Words with the prefix 'sub-' -Words with the prefix 'inter-' -Challenge Words	-Words ending in '-ation' -Words ending in '-ation' -Words ending '-ly' -Words ending '-lly' -Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound -Challenge Words	-Words ending in '- sion' -Words ending in '- ous' -Words ending in '- ous' where the ge from the root word remains -Words where 'i' makes an /ee/ sound -Words ending in '- ious' and 'eous' -Challenge Words	-Words where 'au' makes an /or/ sound -Words ending in '-tion -Words ending in '-sion'' -Words ending in '-cian' -Words that are adverbs of manner -Challenge Words	-Words that are homophones -Words spelled with 'c' before 'i' and 'e' -Words containing 'sol' and 'real' -Words containing 'phon' and 'sign' -Words with the prefixes 'super-', 'anti-' and 'auto -Words with the prefix 'bi-'	-Challenge Words -Words containing an apostrophe for possession -Revision of spelling patterns learned in Stage 4
Let's Think	Swimming Tunnel https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n_uS7c7Bo3Vekk2ugoMN_i7TJXA0KMm4?usp=drive_link	Swimming Alike https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sInSarchvnnkrcUcIlZBc7QnQi51e7Ha?usp=drive_link	Here We Are Oliver Jeffers https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jUOpDsdnc1oMaaxDhIFfsUxZ9web1TCU?usp=drive_link Philip https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Upz0RCgKMVP-9W8TScoKAvPC_46gzc0m?usp=drive_link	Mysteries https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Wet5v4Kfivk7bqNRquZwqfm4Gqk0WQUT?usp=drive_link Who What Where https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RNnbo8Gof7u_0rpGYMHqM0e_hamGjK0v?usp=drive_link	Poetry or Prose https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uJIVbydpP8f_74j8SrvzLcCCymXT_PDq?usp=drive_link Ian https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UE7AGuvioFCVVZbQZQC3EBgTH4ZMjlvI?usp=drive_link	The Sea Saw https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ysDc1nBuedgFxVw6uUbzXEgrCFvI2P-I?usp=drive_link Present https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nJi3Zsc-c5BebXv8--341SQXUVVMmCOB?usp=drive_link
Think Alouds	Roman Britain Focus: Summarising Non-Fiction The Time-Travelling Cat and the Roman Eagle	Tsunami's on the Move Focus: Word Meaning Non-Fiction Russian Doll Focus: Word Meaning	The History Behind Christmas Traditions Focus: Retrieval Non-Fiction A Christmas Tree Focus: Mixed Skills	For Forest Focus: Inference Poetry The Borrowers Focus: Retrieval Fiction	My Secret War Diary by Flossie Albright Focus: Inference Fiction The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips	Threats to African Elephants Focus:Retrieval Non-Fiction The Great Elephant Chase

	Focus: Retrieval Fiction Volcanoes in Action Focus: Retrieval Non-Fiction	Poetry The Little Daughter of the Snow Focus: Inference Fiction	Fiction The Moomins & the Great Flood Focus: Relationship Fiction	Max and the Millions Focus: Prediction Fiction	Focus: Inference Fiction The Secret World of Polly Flint Focus:Inference Fiction	Focus: Inference Fiction Black Beauty Focus:Retrieval Fiction
Maths	**Number:** Place value x 4 weeks, Addition and Subtraction x 3 weeks	**Measurement:** Area x 1 week **Number:** Multiplication and division x 3 weeks Consolidation	**Number:** Multiplication and division x 3 weeks **Measurement:** Length and Perimeter x 2 weeks **Number:** Fractions x 1 week	**Number:** Fractions x 3 weeks Decimals A x 3 weeks	**Number:** Decimals B x 2 weeks **Measurement:** Money x 2 weeks Time x 2 weeks	**Geometry:** Shape x 2 weeks **Statistics** x 1 week **Geometry:** Position and direction x 2 weeks
Maths - Fluency Bee	**Stage 1** The 5 and 10 times-tables The 2, 4 and 8 times-tables 2s, 5s, 10s, 4s and 8s (27 lessons) (34 days in the term)	**Stage 2** The 3 times-table The 6 times-table The 9 times-table (35 lessons) (35 days in the term)	**Stage 2** 2s, 5s, 10s, 4s, 8s, 3s, 6s and 9s **Stage 3** The 7 times-table The 11 times-table (26 lessons) (30 days in the term)	**Stage 3** The 12 times-table All times-table **Stage 4** 1 and 0 (23 lessons) (23 days in the term)	**Stage 4** Make Links Consolidate Facts + Arithmetic (14 lessons) (34 days in the term)	Arithmetic Practise
Science	**Group and classify living things** Group animals Vertebrates and invertebrates Classification keys (animals)	**States of matter** Explore solids, liquids and gases Think differently - solids, liquids and gases Change states	**Sound** Vibrations The ear Investigate sounds Explore volume Explore pitch Volume experiment	**Electricity** Common appliances that use electricity Build and draw series circuits What has gone wrong	**Data collection C** Analyse data Make conclusions **Habitats** Living things and their habitats Classification keys	**The digestive system** Teeth - carnivores, herbivores and omnivores Human teeth Layers of the teeth Tooth decay

	Group plants Classification keys (plants) **Data collection A** Analysing data	Use equipment Melting experiment The water cycle Evaporation experiment	**Data collection B** Analysing data	Conductors and insulators Conductivity within a circuit **Energy** What is energy? How can we reduce our energy usage?	(animals) Classification keys (plants) Human impact on habitats **Deforestation** What is deforestation? What are the impacts in the UK and the rest of the world?	experiment The digestive system **Food chains** What is a food chain? Interpret food chains Draw food chains What would happen if?
History		How did the achievements of the Ancient Maya impact their society and beyond?		**British History 3** New unit How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?		How have children's lives changed?
Geography	**Why are rainforests important to us?** L6 involves fieldwork		**Where does our food come from?** L5 involves fieldwork		**What are rivers and how are they used?** L6 involves fieldwork	
PE	PE Planning - Rounders https://peplanning.org.uk/lesson-plans/rounders-lesson-plans/year-4/	PE Planning - Netball https://peplanning.org.uk/lesson-plans/netball-lesson-plans/year-4/	PE Planning - Dance https://peplanning.org.uk/lesson-plans/dance-lesson-plans/year-4/	PE Planning - Orienteering https://peplanning.org.uk/lesson-plans/orienteering-lesson-plans/year-4/	Swimming	Swimming
Computing	Computing systems and networks 1 Google: Collaborative Learning Option 2	Programming 1 Further coding with Scratch	Create Media Website Design (Google) Option 2	Skills showcase HTML **1 digital online safety lesson**	Programming 2 Computational thinking	Data handling Investigating Weather

	1 digital online safety lesson ***Lesson 1*** ***What happens when I search online?***	**1 digital online safety lesson** ***Lesson 2*** ***How do companies encourage us to buy online?***	**1 digital online safety lesson** ***Lesson 3*** ***Fact, opinion of belief?***	***Lesson 4*** ***What is a bot?***	**1 digital online safety lesson** ***Lesson 5*** ***What is my TechTimetable like?***	**Quiz and end assessment**
French	Portraits - describing in French https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/portraits/	**Clothes- getting dressed in French https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/clothes-getting-dressed-in-france/**	**French numbers, calendars and birthdays https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/french-numbers-calendars-and-birthdays/**	**French weather and the water cycle https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/french-weather-and-water-cycle**	**French food- miam, miam! https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/miam-miam/**	French and the Eurovision Song Contest https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/french/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/french-and-the-eurovision-song-contest/
Art	*Drawing: Exploring tone, texture and proportion (6 lessons) https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/art-design/key-stage-2/year-4/drawing-exploring-tone-texture-and-proportion/		Painting and mixed media: Light and dark (5 lessons) https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/art-design/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/painting/ Art and design Unit: Sculpture and 3D: Mega materials (Lesson 1, 2 and/or 5) https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/art-design/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/year-4-3d-and-sculpture/		Craft and design: Fabric of nature (5 lessons) https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/art-design/lower-key-stage-2/year-4/year-4-craft-and-design/	

DT		**Structures: Helmets** Structures: Helmets (5 weeks)		**Cooking & Nutrition: Adapting a Recipe** Cooking and nutrition: Adapting a recipe (6 lessons)		**Electrical systems: Exploring Electrical Products** https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/preview-units/design-and-technology/key-stage-2/year-4/exploring-electrical-products/ (5 lessons)
RE	Judaism 3 (The Synagogue)	Hinduism 3 (Hindu life)	Islam 3 (Ramadan and Eid ul Fitr)	Christianity 6 (Local Christian places of worship)	Sikhism 3 (The Gurdwara and the Guru Granth Sahib) **Gurdwara visit**	Sikhism 4 (Belonging to a Sikh community)
Jigsaw/PHSE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals *L2 & L3: Learning intentions restructured	Healthy Me *L2: Staying safe with friends (new lesson) L3: Piece name & learning intentions restructured L5: Healthy friendships	Relationships	Changing Me *L1: new lesson L2&L3: restructured L3: new lesson
Music *Sing Up Music Scheme/Sounds of Intent*	This little light of mine	'Theme' from The Pink Panther / Composing with colour	The doot doot song (Classroom percussion)	Fanfare for the common man / Spain	Recorder 1 Enchanted forest	Recorder 2 Enchanted forest