



Year 4: Italy Class

Autumn Term 2026.

Welcome back to a brand-new academic year and the start of the autumn term 2026!

It has been wonderful to see the children return rested from their summer break and ready to learn. This letter outlines the curriculum we will be covering in Year 4 this term.

English

As a school, we value reading for pleasure, and your encouragement at home makes a huge difference. All children in Year 4 have a reading book to take home. They are expected to bring their reading record to school daily, it is very helpful if you can sign it weekly. This allows staff to monitor both the amount and quality of reading taking place.

At school, children take part in dedicated reading lessons at least twice per week, alongside shared class texts and independent reading for pleasure. This term, we will begin with *Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith and *Tuesday* by David Wiesner.

A list of the statutory Year 3/4 spellings has been shared via Google Classroom. Children should aim to learn these by the end of the year. Weekly spellings will continue to be sent home each Friday, focusing on specific spelling rules and patterns. Pupils can also access online activities through Spelling Shed. Spelling tests take place on Thursdays.

Maths

This term, we will begin by consolidating knowledge of Number and Place Value. Later in the year, children will take the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which assesses recall of all times tables up to 12×12 . We will be preparing for this throughout the year in school, but regular practice at home is vital. Your child has a login for Times Tables Rockstars, which is an excellent way to practise facts quickly and accurately. Please let us know if you would like any advice on how best to support your child with this at home.

Geography

Our geography focus will be the Water Cycle and Rivers, explored through the enquiry question: *What are rivers and how are they used?* As part of this unit, we are planning an educational river visit and workshop provided by the Wessex River Trust. Further details will follow shortly.

Science

In science, we are studying States of Matter. Children will learn about the differences between solids, liquids, and gases, classifying materials and exploring their properties. Through practical investigations, they will explore changes of state such as melting, freezing, condensing, and evaporation, as well as linking this to the water cycle.



HPE (Health and Physical Education)

Our HPE lessons take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children will develop skills across a range of games and sports. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, including suitable footwear and warm clothing for outdoor lessons. Long hair should be tied back, and earrings either removed or securely taped over.

Art & Design Technology

We will begin the term with an art focus, studying the work of Claude Monet. Children will develop drawing skills and explore watercolour painting techniques.

French

This term, our French topic is 'Welcome to school'. We will be recapping core language, rooms in a school and classroom objects.

Computing

Our first computing unit is *Graphic Design*. Children will learn to select, use, and combine different software (including internet-based tools) to create digital content with a specific purpose in mind.

Music

Children will explore the rainforest through music, using both body percussion and tuned percussion instruments. They will layer rhythms, experiment with textures, and develop their musical vocabulary.

Religious Education (RE)

In RE, we will be learning about Christian and Hindu traditions, beginning with the Christian concept of '*neighbour*'.

Homework

Weekly spellings and maths homework will be sent home on Fridays. Spellings will be tested the following Thursday. In addition, children should be reading regularly at home and recording this in their reading record.

To support their learning, pupils are encouraged to use Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Login details can be found in the front of homework books. All homework and spellings will also be shared via Google Classroom each week.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ben Givens

Curriculum map link: [PDF 2026-2027 Year 4 Curriculum Map .pdf](#)

