



# Year 4 Autumn Overview

## Introduction

During the Autumn Term, Year 4's topic is Rivers and Rainforests. As part of this topic we also look at the watercycle in science. We hope to take a trip into Maldon to look more closely at the River Blackwater too.

## Dates for your diary

### Autumn Term

Half Term 1 is 02.09.26 - 23.10.26

Half Term 2 is 02.11.26 - 18.12.26

18.09.26 - Harvest Festival

25.09.26 - Macmillan Morning

28.09.26 - Individual Photos

22.10.26 - School Disco KS2

16.11.26 - 18.11.26 - Book Fair

19.11.26 - Film Night

20.11.26 - Children In Need

23.11.26 - Report Cards go home

23.11.26 - 24.11.26 Book looks

25/26.11.26 - Parent Consultations

27.11.26 - Decoration Day

01.12.26 & 02.12.26 - PTA Elf Stalls

02.12.26 Christmas Dinner Day

11.12.26 - PTA Christmas Fair

18.12.26 - Santa Day

## Homework

In Year 4, children will have times tables and spellings to practice each week. Times tables are a major focus for Year 4 as the children will be completing a national online times tables test in June. For this, they will need to know all their times table at speed. There will be a Mastery homework to complete in the first half of the Autumn Term. Children are encouraged to read 3 times weekly to an adult at home.

## Friendship week

Friendship Week will be based on the book 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat. We will also be setting our class rules and establishing Year 4 expectations.

## PSHE

Wider World  
Health & Wellbeing

## Our topics

Geography - Rivers and Rainforests  
Science - States of Matter and The Water Cycle  
English - Pugs of the Frozen North



## English

1st half term focus is sentence punctuation, word classes and grammar.

Spelling - Prefixes and suffixes

2<sup>nd</sup> half term we read Pugs of the Frozen North and writing stories.



## Maths

Place Value of numbers up to 10000.

Comparing, ordering and rounding numbers.

Roman Numerals.

Addition and subtraction column methods.

Multiplication and division of three digit numbers by 1 digit.



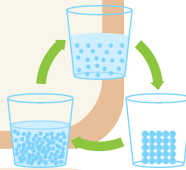
## Science

Investigate solids, liquids and gases and explain their properties.

Exploring material that change their state when heated and cooled.

Carrying out fair tests.

The water cycle processes and planning their own investigation.



## P.E

### Tennis

How to hold a racket and hit the ball accurately. Develop throwing a catching skills. game tactics and strategies.

### Gymnastics

Balances, rolls and making sequences. Working in small groups.

### Bollywood dance

Key dance movements, moving in time to music and building routines.



## R.E

Are all religions equal?  
What makes some texts sacred?



## Music

Charanga Unit - Playing and singing Mama Mia



## Computing

Touch Typing using Dance Mat Typing.

Understanding computer systems and networks.

Using Logo to create a programme using text based language. Using count controlled loops.

Being safe online.



## Geography

### Rivers

How rivers are formed and their features. Where rivers can be found and how they are used.

### Rainforests

The Amazon Rainforest. Layers of a rainforest, facts, animals and the people who live there.

