



CURRICULUM NOTES – 2020 / 2021 YEAR 4

We hope that you will find this guide informative and useful. Should you require any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact [Mrs Langley](#), [Miss Furness](#) or [Mr Neville](#). Please note that this is a working document, and this year particularly may be subject to changes.

Homework

Children are encouraged to practise their times tables each night to support their classwork; we also have specific Maths homework on a Wednesday, which will be sent home to support what is being taught in class. We ask for this work to be completed and handed in the following Monday. Occasionally, incomplete class work may also be sent home. We also strongly encourage the children to read each night with parent supervision. Spelling will be set weekly; a list of the spellings to be practiced will be stuck in their diary. Any homework or notes about trips etc will be noted in their school diary.

Summer Term Trip to Battsborough House

Parents will be invited to a meeting to discuss the forthcoming residential trip which will hopefully take place in May.

Curriculum

Year 4 finds the children building on the foundations laid down in Year 3. Skills and concepts in each subject are consolidated and new ones are introduced and developed mainly in accordance with the new National Curriculum requirements for Key Stage 2.

As the year progresses, the children should be aiming to concentrate their efforts more fully on the task in hand so that they develop a sense of pride in their work, as well as a determination to achieve their personal best. These skills combine to help them develop a more independent approach.

Year 4 aims to encourage the development of a cohesive and supportive year group, and the field trip contributes to this team building theme through shared experiences as they live and work together away from home for the first time.

Topics

Subject	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Science	Movement & Growth Electricity	Solids, Liquids & Gases Keeping Warm	Habitats Forces & Friction
History	Victorians	Viking	Ancient Egyptians
Geography	Natural Disasters	Recycling	India
RS	Bible/Birth of Jesus	Jesus as a Child	Hinduism

Timetable

Teachers may rearrange lessons as the curriculum or circumstances require. The children have a copy of their timetable in their school diary.

Sports Fixtures

It is also important to stress that we encourage the children to play sport for enjoyment whilst performing to the best of their abilities. We should be mindful that they are not professionals but children embarking on a sporting journey. They need encouragement and support from the touchline. If parental viewing is permitted, please help us to create an environment that will allow them to flourish and enjoy sport.

If the current COVID restrictions are relaxed, and sports fixtures against other schools is deemed to be safe, children will be selected for teams based on the ability and behaviour demonstrated in school Games lessons.

Reporting to Parents

Autumn Term – you will receive two sets of assessment grades which details your child's progress.

Spring Term – you will receive one set of assessment grades at the end of term and there will be Parent Interviews.

Summer Term – you will receive one set of exam results and a full End of Term Report on all subjects.

We are always happy to see you regarding any worries or concerns. We would like to feel that we are all working together and if queries are dealt with at an early stage any issues can be kept to a minimum and your children can look forward to a happy and productive year.

Mrs Langley, Miss Furness and Mr Neville