



St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate

a Voluntary Academy

Curriculum Newsletter for Year 4

Autumn 1 2026

Class Teacher: Mr Knox

Class Teaching Assistants: Ms Williams

Maths

Place value

Represent numbers to 1000

Numbers to 1000

Number line to 1000

Thousands

Represent numbers to 10,000

Partition numbers to 10,000

Number line to 10,000

Roman Numerals

Addition and subtraction

Add, Subtract numbers

1,10,100,1000,10,000

Add up to two 4-digit numbers

Subtract up to two 4-digit numbers

Efficient subtraction

Estimate

Area

What is area

Count squares

Make shapes

Compare areas

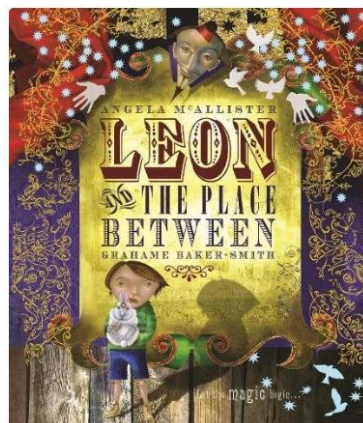


English

This half-term, Year 4 will be using Angela McAllister's enchanting book, *Leon and the Place Between*, as the inspiration for our English lessons. We will begin by writing our own exciting portal narratives before creating newspaper reports about a magical show.



Throughout these writing units, the children will develop their use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and pronouns to make their writing more detailed and engaging. They will also explore how varying sentence length can create tension and build drama. Finally, the children will learn and practise how to punctuate direct speech accurately, helping to bring their characters and stories to life.



Science – Group and classify living things



This unit focuses on the different ways we can group and classify animals and plants. Children will explore the shared characteristics of groups such as mammals, reptiles and insects, while working scientifically to investigate why certain animals and plants can be grouped together.

Throughout the unit, children will create their own classification keys as they explore the local area and investigate some of the animal and plant life found within our school environment.

Reading – Key reading objectives covered through personal reading, guided reading and higher order reading skills taught through comprehension.

Reading and writing is cross-curricular where appropriate.



Class Readers – Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Lenton
The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman

Handwriting – Cursive handwriting to be taught systematically and discretely.

Spelling and grammar taught daily focusing on a theme over the week.



RE: Focus on our Saints

Our patron saint and the Y4 class saint – St. John Paul the Great.

Creation and Covenant

In this unit, children will learn about some of the different people from across the wider story of salvation. Beginning with Abraham and ending with contemporary examples like Saint Oscar Romero, children will understand how lives lived in faith, love and hope, will bring us closer to God. In our study of Abraham, children will consider the historical context of this most significant figure and his impact on early Christianity.

Catholic Life

Class Saint St. John Paul the Great

Start of year school Mass

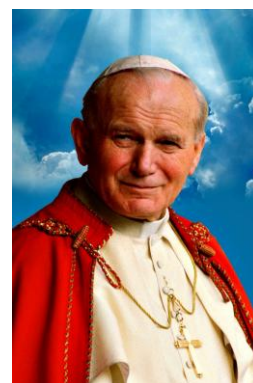
Friday 18th September 2026

Y4 at Mass

- 1.10.26
- 15.10.26
- 19.11.26
- 17.12.26

Y4 class assembly

4.12.26



Personal Development

PSHE & RHE

Created and loved by God

Religious Understanding; Me, My Body, My Health; Emotional Well-Being; Life Cycles

Virtues to Live By

- Love of Learning
- Citizenship



PE

Fridays – with Mr Gibson Football

We will master movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching and begin to apply these in a range of activities. We will participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.

PE kits must be worn to school, and children will keep their PE kits on for the rest of the day. Hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed.

Friday - Swimming

Geography

Children will explore why rainforests are important, learning about their unique plants, animals and people. They will investigate the threats facing rainforests, including deforestation, and consider ways in which these valuable environments can be protected for the future.



French

This term, children will have the opportunity to recap and consolidate their learning from Year 3 before continuing to develop their confidence and mastery of the French language.

Pets

Our learning will then focus on French vocabulary for animals, with a particular emphasis on household pets. Children will build their vocabulary and develop their speaking skills so that they can describe the pets they own and talk about animals with others.



Music



In Music, children will develop their singing skills by exploring how different vocal parts can be combined to create layered performances. They will learn to sing confidently in rounds and overlapping parts, listening carefully to others while keeping their own part going.

Art and Design

Exploring Tone and Texture (Drawing)

This term, children will be exploring tone, texture and proportion to create realistic and expressive drawings, inspired by artists Sarah Graham, Nicola McBride and Beatriz Milhazes.



Computing

Computing Systems and Networks – The Internet

Recognising the internet as a network of networks including the WWW, and why we should evaluate online content.



Curriculum Enrichment Y4 MTC information evening Monday 13th October Start of School Year Mass – 18th September Lunch time clubs Reading club	Homework Homework is given out on Wednesday and is due on the following Monday. In Year 4, we have a weekly spelling focus of which we work on during the week. There is an informal spelling check on Fridays based on the words your child has been given to practise. 
	To help your child at home, you could: Read with your child. Support with their homework Practise times tables and division facts Come to Mass to support your child on their sacramental journey as they undertake First Holy Communion this year. 