



*A faithful community that loves, lives and learns with hope and joy; where  
Everyone is valued and encouraged to flourish*

### Year 4 Spring Term 1 Curriculum Map 2023-2024

Curriculum Area	Material Covered
English	This half-term we will be looking at the wordless picture book <b>'The Whale'</b> by Ethan & Vita Murrow, and re-telling the story before innovating a story of our own based on the events. We will then write <b>non-chronological reports</b> (information texts) about a range of sea creatures, based on our own research.
Maths	We will begin by continuing to work on <b>Multiplication and Division</b> . Initially, we will focus on the 9, 7, 11 and 12 times tables, before moving on to using written methods for multiplying and dividing. With the end-of-year Multiplication Check fast approaching, it is <u>vital</u> that children are using Times Tables Rock Stars regularly at home, to supplement the daily times tables practice we do in school. We will finish the half term by looking at measuring the <b>Area</b> of shapes, and by beginning to recap previous learning about <b>Fractions</b> .
Science	We will be studying the <b>States of Matter</b> this half-term – solids, liquids and gases. We will explore the properties of materials in each state, and explore ways in which materials change between the different states. This will involve lots of observing and experimenting.
Geography	This half term we will be looking at <b>Rivers, the Water Cycle and the River Wharfe</b> . We will begin by following a river's course from source to mouth, before exploring the Water Cycle in more detail and applying all this knowledge to one of our most famous local rivers – the Wharfe.
Art	We will be working on our <b>Painting</b> skills this half term, focusing on using light and dark. We will explore painting with different shades, before looking at painting in 3D and working towards creating a still life painting.
Music	In Music, we will be working on the song <b>Stop!</b> This song is in the Grime/Rap genre, with an anti-bullying focus. We will learn to sing and perform the song, before composing and performing our own raps.
P.E.	This half term, we will have PE lessons on <u>Monday and Wednesday</u> , and we will be working on <b>tennis</b> and our <b>throwing and catching skills</b> . Children will continue to build on previous fundamental skills.
R.E.	This half term we will be investigating the question <b>What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?</b> We will learn about Hindu beliefs about God, and how Hindus worship at home and at the mandir (temple). We will explore the ideas of reincarnation, karma and moksha (freedom from rebirth); explore the life of Mahatma Gandhi; and consider some of the challenges of being Hindu in Britain.
P.S.H.E	We will be discussing our <b>Dreams and Goals</b> and how we can achieve them. We will discuss persevering when we find things difficult, and we'll engage in group work and reflect on who we work well with and who we don't. We will also talk about sharing success with other people.
Computing	We will be working on using <b>Spreadsheets</b> to perform a range of calculations, including finding totals and averages.
French	We will be focusing on the topic <b>'My home'</b> . We will be learning how to talk about where we live, our house and our bedroom.