



Y4 Curriculum Information 2025-2026

Mrs Simms, Mrs Mcleod
and
Mrs Marshall



Weekly Teaching Arrangements

- Mrs Mcleod - teaches every Monday (largely responsible for Science, Computing and Geography/History)
- Mrs Simms - teaches Tuesday to Friday (and is responsible for Maths, English, RE, RHE and PE)
- Mrs Marshall supports within Year 4 Monday-Friday mornings.

Please be assured that we communicate daily with each other to ensure consistency for the children.



Timings of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that in KS2, the school day actually starts at 8.30am and finishes at 3pm.

While the first 10-15 minutes of the day may not seem very important, it is when the children complete their daily Maths Blast (consolidation of previously taught concepts) and table facts work.

It is also when the majority of intervention work takes place; with formal lessons commencing at 9am.



English

We will cover a range of genres this year, including persuasive writing, biographies, poetry and narrative writing.

Each 'block' of work typically lasts three to four weeks and will focus on:

- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Spellings, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)
- Independent/extended writing
- Handwriting - big push to join letters fluently
- Speaking and listening



Handwriting

Last year, we introduced a new handwriting scheme throughout the school. Children have began their Letterjoin lessons and we are keen to encourage the highest possible standard of presentation, embedding correct formation and fluency from the Early Years upwards.

Alongside their handwriting lessons in school, children are able to access the programme at home by downloading the Letterjoin app for their tablet or by visiting letterjoin.co.uk

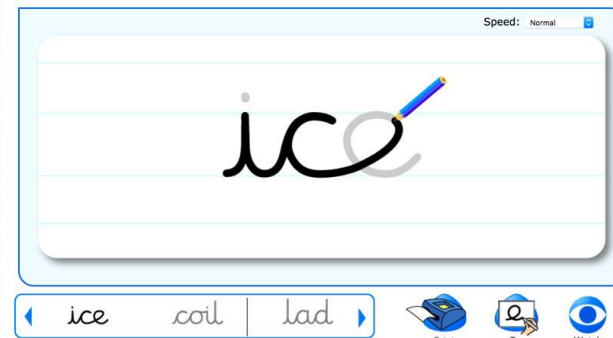
Children will be encouraged to use the programme at home as part of their homework, playing some of the interactive games or practising their spelling lists for the week.

Home log in details

Username-khl2529

password- 'home' or if using a tablet an L swipe

Letter-join





Maths

We follow the White Rose Scheme which is based on Maths Mastery principles.

Each week we focus on the following strands:

- * Fluency (the acquisition/proficiency of a skill)
- * Reasoning
- * Problem solving





What is mastery?

- Mastering maths means pupils acquiring a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject.
- The phrase 'teaching for mastery' describes the elements of classroom practice and school organisation that combine to give pupils the best chances of mastering maths.
- Achieving mastery means acquiring a solid enough understanding of the maths that's been taught to enable pupils to move on to more advanced material.



What might mastery look like:

- True or False
- Prove it
- Open ended questions
- If this is the answer, what is the question?
- Find all of the solutions
- Spot the mistake



The Multiplication Tables Check

According to the National Curriculum, children should be able to recall multiplication and division facts to 12×12 by the end of Year 4.

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a statutory key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The MTC's purpose is to ensure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. In the 2025/2026 academic year, the multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools.

The Multiplication Times Tables Check is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question, you have 6 seconds to answer, and in between the questions, there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often. The questions are generated randomly based on the rules of the MTC.



Multiplication and Division Facts

- Table facts for homework every week.
- Youtube has some fantastic pop songs that have been made into times tables.
- Purple Mash (the site used for online homework) have a fantastic resource that uses the same system as the MTC.

Children will sit the Government's Multiplication Tables Check between in June (usually the first two weeks, but date tbc)



R.E

We follow the 'Come and See' R.E. curriculum in line with Hexham and Newcastle diocese.

This programme supports children in their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion and will be taught alongside the catechist sessions

Each term we cover three units of work, and we additionally study two units learning about other faiths - in Year 4 we study Islam and Judaism.

We also have daily prayers, prayer journals and class worship.



First Holy Communion

Year 4 is Sacramental Preparation year.

In previous years this has involved the parish and school working together.

However, the Diocese as a whole are keen for this to be emphasised as a parish programme of preparation, rather than a school programme of 'study'.

Key dates:

Thursday 12th February - Reconciliation

Saturday 13th June - First Holy Communion



Relationship and Health Education

We follow the diocesan recommended programme for RHE , which is called 'Life to the Full'. It is produced by a company called Ten: Ten, whose resources we use for our daily classroom prayer.

This scheme of work covers the both the PSHE and RHE National Curriculum objectives, delivering key messages about themes such staying healthy, positive relationships and online safety in an age appropriate way and in line with the teachings of the Catholic church.



Whole School Core Subjects Overview-RHE sessions

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handmade in Love -I Am Me -Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes -Ready Teddy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Let the Children Come to Me -I am Unique 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Girls and Boys*</i> -Clean and Healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Get Up -The Sacraments -We Don't Have To Be the Same -<i>Respecting our Bodies</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>What Is Puberty?*</i> -<i>Changing Bodies*</i> -<i>Boy/Girl Discussion Groups*</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Calming the Storm</i> -Gifts and Talents -<i>Body Image</i> -<i>Funny Feelings*</i> -<i>Girls' Bodies*</i> -<i>Boys' Bodies*</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> --<i>Spots and Sleep*</i> -<i>Seeing Stuff Online*</i> -<i>Making Babies (Part 1)*</i> -<i>Making Babies (Part 2)</i> -<i>Menstruation*</i>
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -I Like, You Like, We All Like -Good Feelings and Bad Feelings -Let's Get Real -Growing Up -Role Model -Who's Who? -You've Got a Friend in Me -Forever Friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Feelings, Likes and Dislikes -Feelings Inside and Out -God Loves You -Special People -Treat Others Well -Say Sorry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Super Susie Gets Angry -<i>The Cycle of Life*</i> -<i>Being Safe*</i> -<i>Good Secrets and Bad Secrets*</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What Am I Feeling? -What Am I Looking At? -I am Thankful -Jesus My Friend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Life Cycles*</i> -<i>Sharing Online</i> -<i>Chatting Online</i> -<i>Safe In My Body*</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Emotional Changes</i> -Is God Calling You? -<i>Under Pressure</i> -Do You Want a Piece of Cake? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sharing Isn't Always Caring -Cyberbullying -<i>Types of Abuse*</i>
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Safe Inside and Out -My Body, My Rules -Feeling Poorly -People Who Help Us -God Is Love -Loving God, Loving Others -Me, You, Us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Three in One -Who is My Neighbour? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Physical Contact*</i> -<i>Harmful Substances</i> -Can You Help Me? -The Communities We Live in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Friends, Families and Others -<i>When Things Feel Bad</i> -A Community of Love -What Is the Church? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco*</i> -First Aid Heroes -How Do I Love Others? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self Talk- The Trinity -Catholic Social Teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -<i>Impacted Lifestyles*</i> -<i>Making Good Choices</i> -Giving Assistance -Reaching Our Potential

*statutory curriculum lessons

Parents to be informed prior to teaching of lessons as they may contain sensitive material. Viewing lesson content on the Ten:Ten Parent Portal is advisable.

Parents may wish to access the lesson via the Ten:Ten Parent Portal prior to it being taught to view lesson content.



Controversial or sensitive issues

We would like to reassure parents that we are aware of the sensitive issues and questions that may arise as part of the teaching of this subject.

Our RHE policy dictates that staff would deal with these issues in a sensitive and age appropriate manner, in line with the teachings of the Church.

Parents would be informed of any questions posed or follow up conversations they may need to have with children at home and (where appropriate) any safeguarding issues that may arise in light of lessons taught.

For more information regarding Relationship and Health Education, please visit the RHE section on the Curriculum Tab of our website.

The ZONES of Regulation

			
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

The Zones of Regulation helps children to manage difficult emotions, known as 'self-regulation'.

Self-regulation is best described as the best state of alertness for a situation.

The Zones of Regulation aims to teach children strategies to help them cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn. These coping strategies are called 'self-regulation'.

At St Oswald's, we use the Zones of Regulation throughout the whole school. We want to teach all of our children good coping and regulation strategies so they can help themselves when they experience anxiety and stress. We want children at St Oswald's to grow into successful adults. Teaching the children at a young age about managing their feelings will support them in later life so that they don't turn to negative coping strategies which affect their mental and physical wellbeing.

If you would like to find out more information about how we use the Zones of Regulation in school, you can [HERE](#)



Foundation subjects

- Computing - taught weekly but also integrated into the curriculum.
- French - Madame Hewson will deliver a weekly lesson.
- P.E - Gymnastics, Tennis, Rugby, Dance, Athletics - Please note:
P.E. sessions may change day each half term

SWIMMING- takes place over a two week block in May (5th-15th May)
Children will attend lessons at Gosforth Pool.

In order for this to happen, we rely quite heavily on parent volunteers to help us walk to and from the baths

Geography - Taught half termly. Focus on Europe, Rivers and Mountains, Resources and Trade

- History - Taught half termly. Romans in Britain, Local study-Roman Wall, Ancient Greece
- Music - Ukuleles, Choir (provided through the BBECT)
- Art - Taught half termly. Drawing skills, Painting and Mixed Media, Sculpture
- DT - Taught half termly. Cooking and Nutrition, Textiles, Electrical systems



Homework

- Spellings - 10 words given each Monday - test on a Friday
- Focus tables to practise-test on a Friday
- Times Table Rockstar (minimum of 3 visits per week)
- Reading Books (sent home on a Thursday, to be returned the following Monday). Please note that with our fabulous teaching assistants having very rigorous timetables, each class must stick to the slot that they have been given and books will only be changed if they are handed in on a Monday.

• English and Maths homework will be set on a Monday to be returned the following Monday.

• Homework will be alternated between one online activity and one paper activity. Eg one week English will be online and maths as a paper copy, the following week-the opposite.

Teething problems - Please don't worry if you have problems accessing Purple Mash occasionally, but do let us know if this is ongoing





Residential Trip :

Emmaus Youth Village

We have booked a two night retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village 3rd-5th June 2026.

A link to the website can be found below, but we will hold a meeting in school closer to the time, to discuss information.

<https://ymt.org/retreats/>



Additional curriculum information

The following information can be found on the school website, under 'School Information'

- Age related expectations (ARE) for subjects
- Click on 'curriculum' for Topic maps for each term -all subjects:

Core - English, Maths, R.E.

Foundation - all other subjects

- The BLOG section on the website will give you a snapshot of photos and work which the children have done each week in school - just scroll down to Year 4.
- Check out X (Twitter) for weekly tweets!



Questions?