



St. Andrew's CE (VA) Junior School Year 4 AUTUMN 1 Curriculum Overview 2025-26

Key learning this half term

Literacy	Maths	Religious Education
This half term we will be reading the text 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Browne and Monster Slayer by Brian Patten. Brian Patten. We will use the familiar story format of 'Hansel and Gretel' to learn about effective descriptions and good sentence construction. We will write about our understanding of what we are reading by answering comprehension and inference style questions. We will write stories and write persuasively and we will develop our descriptive skills by looking at characters in the stories. Our grammar focus will explore what makes a sentence. This includes subject, verbs and nouns.	This half term we will be focusing on place value. We will be comparing numbers and representing them in different ways. We will also find 100 or 1000 more or less than a number. We will also look into rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. All of this learning will also be applied to number problems and practical problems. We will practise our times tables and corresponding division facts. Times table are in integral part of learning in Year 4. We will be completing the National Multiplication Table Checker in the Summer term. Please practise times tables regularly at home.	We will be asking the question, 'What is it like to follow God?' PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: • The Old Testament tells the story of a particular group of people, the children of Israel known as the People of God — and their relationship with God. • The People of God try to live in the way God wants, following his commands and worshipping him. • The People of God believe he promises to stay with them and Bible stories show how God keeps his promises.

We are also studying:

Science	History	PSHE	Music	Art
We will be learning about animals and their habitats PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: animals can be broadly separated in to groups and will learn how to design and follow a classification key. They will learn about the environment and how humans affect animals' habitats in a positive and negative way.	We will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT the Saxons and Angles were tribes that came from different countries long ago and settled in Britain. They will learn how they left their mark on British culture and place important events on timelines.	We will be learning about how children can contribute positively in a variety of different situations. PUPILS WILL KNOW THAT: there are different features of positive relationships. They will know how to respond to hurtful behaviour and how to include others. They will know how to recognise and respect peoples' differences, E.g. gender, race, faith Our British Value will be Democracy which will be woven in to our PSHE lessons and worship time.	We will be learning about film themes and how they set the mood for the telling of the film's story. The theme tune to <i>The Pink Panther</i> by Henry Mancini provides the foundation for exploring musical storytelling through listening and composing activities PUPILS WILL KNOW: How to keep in time with the beat. Sing with clear diction. Move showing different durations. Identify durations in rhythm.	PUPILS WILL KNOW: how to develop tone, detail, pencil control and shading when drawing. They will also know how to draw natural objects with detail. They will know how to experiment with different tones of pencil through drawing and sketching.
PE	ICT	Values	Reminders	Key Vocabulary
Ita & Can = Gymnastics PUPILS WILL LEARN: Different ways to travel Different ways to roll Different ways to balance How to put a sequence together. Italy = Tennis PUPILS WILL LEARN: How to hold a racket How to perform a rally How to improve their hand eye coordination. Canada = Swimming	Not taught this half term.	The Christian Value for this half term is Thankfulness . The British Value is Democracy.	PE is on Monday for Canada and Italy. Class Italy will have their second PE lesson on Wednesday. Canada will go swimming on Wednesday for the first half of the year. Spellings will also be set weekly.	Mammal Reptile Amphibian Habitat Classification Invade Settle Composition Improvisation Tone Respect Teamwork Rally Balance Sequence