CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Y4

AUTUMN 2026

Welcome to Year 4

We are excited about the learning ahead in Year 4. We will be promoting high standards in all aspects of school life, with a particular focus on behaviour, academic effort and appearance. We will also continue to develop resilience and encourage children to always be kind towards others.

In English

In English, we will be using a variety of high-quality books to inspire the children to plan and write for different purposes and audiences. This term, we will be writing poetry, narratives, an explanation and a persuasive speech. Our learning will be underpinned by the following key texts: Arthur & the Golden Rope, The King Who Was Afraid of the Dark, Until I Met Dudley, Rosie Revere, Engineer, Zeraffa Giraffa and Starbird.

In Maths

This term, we will focus on place value, including ordering and comparing numbers beyond 1,000. We will then explore rounding and estimating. There will be a strong focus on arithmetic skills, including times tables and all four operations. Across these units, we will work on securing our formal written methods and aim to use them with increasing accuracy and fluency.

In Guided Reading

In Guided Reading, we will develop our VIPERS skills while exploring a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Key Dates

- 12-25 Sept - Assessment Week & Times Table Check
- 25 Sept - Norway Class Assembly
- 16 - 20 Nov - Times table check
- 27 Nov - Croatia Class Assembly

The Thomas Coram Church of England School

In Science

In Science, we will be learning about states of matter and the differences between solids, liquids and gases. After half term, we will explore electricity. These topics are always a firm favourite with the children as they are practical and provide opportunities for lots of experiments.

In History

In History, we will be comparing the lives of children in the past and developing our understanding of why and how things have changed over time.

In Geography

In Geography, we will be studying Europe, with a particular focus on Greece.

In RE

We've had a fantastic week diving deep into learning! Our students continue to amaze us with their curiosity and creativity. Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping your child come to school ready.

In PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about health and wellbeing and how this relates to internet usage. In Autumn 2, we will explore relationships and why it is important to develop and maintain positive self-esteem.

In Music

In Music, we will be learning about the work of great jazz artists and using melody and improvisation to create and perform our own music. We will then explore minimalism, becoming familiar with the style and some of its composers.

In French

In French, we will be learning the names of different instruments and how to say which instruments we play.

In Art

In Art, we will be using a variety of techniques to draw with charcoal. Once we have developed and practised these skills, we will use them to create our own pictures.

In Technology

In DT, we will be looking at seasonal foods and exploring when it is best to eat certain foods.

In Computing

This term in Computing, we will use our ICT skills to create repetition in shapes and learn about photo editing.

In PE

We will be practising ball skills and hockey. Each class will also have a term of swimming, starting with Norway class.

In Forest School

This term we will be collecting natural materials to make camouflages, whittiling to make stick characters, and using lopped wood to build structures. We will also observe fire making and toast some food.

For more information about our adventurous curriculum, please visit our curriculum pages on our website.

Croatia – Miss Jones

Finland – Ms Purdy & Mrs Bruguier

Norway – Mrs Giles

Castle Church of England Federation