

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 4 Themes	Ancient Greece They learn about the Ancient Greek civilisation and where that fits on a timeline in relation to what they have learnt about in history in school so far. They learn about life at the early Olympics and learn about ways of life in Ancient Greece. This includes considering democracy and comparing life of an Athenian to a Spartan. They learn some of the famous Greek myths and develop their sketching skills when creating Greek vases, depicting events at the Olympics. They develop their sculpture skills from Year 2, when they made insect models and Year 3, when they made a 3D model of the UK, when they make face sculptures of mythical creatures.	Levers and Cams In this theme, they learn about mechanical systems including levers and cams. They research, design, make and evaluate their own moving toys which use these mechanisms. They learn develop their social skills, completing many of our projects in groups. They learn how to use many tools safely and improve our measuring skills to achieve accuracy when making our toys.	The Shang Dynasty Children learn about key aspects of life in the Shang Dynasty. They learn about the location of China on our planet and its cities and rivers. They learn about oracle bones and how the Shang priests used them to foretell the future. They learn about Lady Fu Hao, a famous warrior queen whose tomb was discovered with many Shang artefacts. They place the Shang Dynasty and other historical events on a timeline and compare this to other events they have learnt about so far in history.	Adventurers and Explorers They learn about the adventures of Amelia Earhart and her attempted journey around the world. They discuss their theories about what might have happened to her and her navigator, Fred Noonan, when they disappeared. They revisit their knowledge and understanding of the continents and oceans when tracking her journey. They learn about the environmental conditions in Antarctica and about Asia and the Himalayas when they learn about Mount Everest, Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary. They learn about the artist Nicholas Roerich and further develop their skills with pastels when creating artwork focusing on the landscape of the Himalayas.	Dedham Vale They learn about the landscape of our surrounding area and how it was depicted by the artist John Constable. They sketch nature scenes, focusing on perspective and practise their watercolour painting skills by painting trees. They create a version of The Haywain landscape artwork in his style using watercolours, further developing their skills from Year 3. They visit Dedham Vale, seeing it in real life after studying it on google maps.	British Birds In this theme, they learn about common British birds and how to identify them. They develop their sketching skills when producing images of the birds they have learnt about and create a sculpture from clay of a British bird. Children will create a watercolour picture of a British Bird using aquarelles. They then discover that there are some endangered species in the UK, focussing on the puffin.
Year 4 Science	STATES OF MATTER (Solids, liquids and gases, change of state, evaporation, condensation and the water cycle).	ELECTRICITY (Construct a simple series circuit, name basic parts, switches, conductors and insulators).	SOUND (How sound is made, vibrations, pitch & volume).	ANIMALS, INCL HUMANS (Food chains, Teeth and Digestion).	LIVING THINGS & THEIR HABITATS (food chains, biodiversity, classification & care of environments).	
Year 4 PSHE/RSE	Me and My Relationships	Valuing Difference	Keeping Safe	Rights and Respect	Being My Best	Growing and Changing
Year 4 RE	What do we mean by truth? Sikh and Christian views on God as truth	Where do Christian religious beliefs come from?	How do religious groups contribute to society? Hindu/Christian	What are the similarities and differences between Christian denominations?	What does sacrifice mean? Multi/Humanist	
Year 4 Computing	Animation Unpacking Hardware and Software	Unpacking Hardware and Software Sound Stories	Logo	Effective Searching	Coding	Composing Beats Introduction to AI
Year 4 PE	Yoga Football	Dance Ballskills	Swimming Tennis	Swimming Basketball	Gymnastics Athletics	Fitness Rounders
Year 4 Music	Naxos – Composers – Chopin World Music – Greece Bouzouki Music Musical Structures	Naxos – Composers – Verdi Exploring Feelings When You Play	Naxos – Composers – Verdi Instruments – Brass Compose with your friends	Naxos – Composers – Mahler Feelings Through Music	Naxos – Composers – Wagner Expression and Improvisation	Naxos – Composers – Vivaldi The Show Must Go On
Class Reader	Varjak Paw	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe The Christmasaurus	Charlotte's Web	Kensuke's Kingdom	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	Twitch