

# Year 4 Curriculum Map for Spring Term 2026

Our Topic is: Mountains and Rivers

For this term we aim to teach the following:



## English

Our main inspiration for reading and writing lessons this term is a book called *The Firework Maker's Daughter*.

We will be writing setting descriptions, diary entries and a non-fiction text about mountains. The grammar focus will be on punctuating sentences accurately, using commas and apostrophes. We will improve our understanding of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and how we can use them to make our writing more interesting.

Handwriting—learning to join up our writing

Spelling—Year 3 and 4 common exception words as well as weekly spelling tests based on Ed shed.

## History

Some history skills will be taught through the topic.

We will learn about the discoveries of mountains and rivers and how they have contributed to life over time.

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be exploring us in the world. We will be aiming to understand that there are different kinds responsibilities, rights and duties at home, at school, in the community and towards the environment. We will also be looking at the different jobs we may be able to do as adults that will positively contribute to society.

## Languages: Spanish

In Spanish we will building on our prior knowledge of greetings and learning to present ourselves to engage in conversations including asking and answering about names, feelings, age and asking where a person is from.



## Maths

Our main focus this term is on **Multiplcation and Division**.

Learning all of the Times Tables will help prepare your child for the statutory Times Tables Check. We will be chanting them every day in school, but please continue with daily TT Rock Stars practice at home too. It is their speed and fluency in recalling the facts that really counts now.

We will also look at Fractions and Decimals including how to add and subtract them.

## Geography

Our geography will be taught through our topic and we will look at:

- Locations of famous rivers
- Locations of the tallest mountains
- Features of a river and mountain
- Maps relating to both

## DT/Art

We have two DT projects this term. We are currently designing and making helmets using paper mache and learning about strengthening techniques. Later on we will use the same skills to make volcanoes.

In art, we will look a colour in landscape paintings using our focus Artist Cezanne, for inspiration.

## Key Reminders:

Come to school in normal PE kit with swimming things in a bag every Monday.

School planners need to be in everyday.

Please read with your child at least 4 times a week.

Practice spellings for a test every Wednesday.

**Keep practising times tables!  
Tests will be every Friday.**

## Science

States of Matter.

We will learn about the different states: solids, liquids and gases.

We will investigate how we can change from one to the other and we will learn key vocabulary such as evaporation, condensation, melting and freezing.

We will study the water cycle with links to our Geography unit and look at how we can present data in graphs and charts.

## Computing

In computing we will be creating a simple database to interrogate data using sort and search functions.

## Music

This term we will be having weekly keyboard lessons every Friday afternoon.- focusing on tune and musical notation.

## RE

In RE we will be exploring the topic of commitment with a focus on Lent. We will be discussing the ways we can resist giving in to temptation and the consequences if we do - good and bad and how commitment can impact people's lives.

## PE

Year 4 will continue to go swimming on Monday afternoons.

We will also have our regular Forest School and Progressive Sport sessions.

