

Year 4 Long-Term Plan – Thematic Overview

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Key themes	Stone age and Iron age	Rainforests	Tudors (Bramhall Hall)	Local Area (Wythenshawe Hall)	Famous Local people through History (Pankhurst)	Water Cycle
English	Diary entry Narrative Descriptive writing – setting, characters etc. Non-chronological report Stories from different cultures	The Great Kapok Tree – Poetry Persuasive writing – climate change Balance argument-debate – rainforest Formal letter – company using palm oil	Persuasive writing – Manchester Little People, Big Ideas – Emmeline Pankhurst Information text – poster to promote Manchester Alan Turing – biography Plays	Narrative – time travel Instructions Tradition Tales – LRRH (comparing traditional tale to modern adaptations) Fables – Hans Christian Anderson (stories in the style of a significant author)	Poetry	Non-fiction texts Newspaper article Information text – leaflet Recount of school trip
Spoken language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play/improvisations and debates 					
Speaking and listening	Persuasive talk	Negotiation talk	Persuasive talk	Explanation talk	Discussion talk	Reasoning talk
Maths	Number and Place Value, approximation and estimation/rounding Geometry Money	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division (Calculation) Time Coordinates Fractions and decimals	Number and Place Value, approximation and estimation/rounding Measurement Money	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division (Calculation) Coordinates Statistics	Number and Place Value, approximation and estimation/rounding Measurement Geometry Fractions and decimals	Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division (Calculation) Time Statistics Money
Science	States of Matter	Animals Including Humans	Electricity	Living Things and Their Habitats	Scientists and Investigators	Sound
History	Stone Age and Iron Age		Tudors		Famous local people through History (Emmeline Pankhurst)	
Geography		Rainforests		Local Area		Water Cycle
Religion	The Bible	Trust in God	Jesus, the Teacher	Jesus, the Saviour	The Early Christians	The Church

ICT	Programming – Developing a simple educational game	Computational thinking – Prototyping an interactive toy	Creativity – Producing digital music	Computer networks – Editing and writing HTML	Communication/Collaboration – Producing a wiki	Productivity – Presenting the weather
Art		Henri Rousseau Rainforest plants – oil pastels		Local landscapes		Monet Collage and painting
DT	Construction – construct a prehistoric shelter		Resistant materials – Tudor money pouches		Food Tech – celebration feast linked to Votes for Women	3D water cycle model
PSHE	Health and wellbeing	Relationships	Living in the wider world	Relationships	Health and wellbeing	Living in the wider world
Music	use and understand staff and other musical notations	appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians	Design and build a guitar appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians	play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression	improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music develop an understanding of the history of music	play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
PE	Swimming	Athletics	Gymnastics	Dance	Outdoor games	Competitive games
Suggested visits/visitors to school	Manchester Museum Airport trip	School grounds Park	Bramhall Hall	Wythenshawe Hall	WWII themed day Veteran visit	Bury Fire Station
Texts/film links	Secrets of a Sun King The Story of Tutankhamun Stone Age Boy Wild Girl The Boy with the Bronze Axe (extracts)	Dear Greenpeace Pandora Under the Canopy Journey to the River Sea (extracts) The Vanishing Rainforest	The Witches The Secret Diary of Thomas Snoop This is the Place	Last Stop on Market Street The Fastest Boy in the World Let's Celebrate!: Festival Poems from Around the World The Boy and the Globe (Shakespeare)	Anne Frank Carrie's War My Secret War Diary Emmeline Pankhurst Little People, Big Dreams Fantastically Great Women who Changed The World	The Wind in the Willows Floodland River Boy