



HILDENBOROUGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” (Philippians 4:13) so that I can be the best that I can be, for myself, for others and for God.

10th January 2025

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what we hope was a lovely Christmas holiday for you and your family. Thank you for all the cards and gifts that you kindly gave us for Christmas – they are very much appreciated. We have another exciting and busy term ahead and below is the outline of the curriculum areas we will be covering this term –

Subject	Areas to be covered
Maths	<p>We will continue to use Maths No Problem which is in line with the Singapore Maths approach. This encourages children to use manipulatives to support learning and approach mathematical problems in different ways. Children will also be developing their mathematical thinking in a range of contexts with particular focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing with multiplication and division (written methods) • Graphs (reading and drawing graphs) • Fractions (counting in hundredths, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions)
English	<p>We will begin the term by finishing our diary writing topic based on ‘Leon and the Place Between’ by Angela McAllister.</p> <p>We will then be moving onto a new book, linking back to our History curriculum on the Romans, called ‘Escape from Pompeii’ by Christina Balit. In this topic, children will be focussing on the following writing skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently including the progressive and the present perfect forms • Use Standard English for verb inflections • Organise paragraphs around a theme (using fronted adverbial to introduce or connect paragraphs) • Use and punctuate direct speech (using dialogue to show the relationship between characters) <p>Throughout the topic, the children will be working towards writing Historical narrative from one of the characters’ points of view.</p>
Science	<p>Our Science topic for this term is ‘Electricity’. We will be identifying common appliances that run on electricity. We will also construct simple electrical circuits, using bulbs, batteries, wires, switches and buzzers. In order to complete our learning, we will be carrying out a range of investigations, either as a whole class or in groups, to build on our ‘problem solving’ skills, as well as to develop our scientific vocabulary further.</p>
RE	<p>Our RE learning this term will be about Gospel, in particular, answering the big question, What kind of a world did Jesus want?</p> <p>Throughout the unit, we will be exploring the answers to these questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What part of the Gospel tells Christians about the life and teaching of Jesus? • How and why did Jesus heal people? • How do Christians follow the teachings of Jesus? • How do Christians try to put Jesus’ teachings in to practice?

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Computing	The children will be answering the question How can technology be used to collect and present data? through investigating Weather.
History	In History, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings . We will be focussing on the Anglo-Saxon kings, including King Alfred the Great and Edward the Confessor, and their ongoing struggle for power against the Vikings.
DT	This term, our learning will continue to focus on mechanical systems and we will be transforming lollipop sticks, wheels, dowels and straws into a moving car. We will be using a glue gun safely to construct the materials, making the launch mechanism, designing and also making the body of the vehicle using nets and assembling these to the chassis.
Spanish	Our Spanish topic for this term will be the Weather in Spain . The children will be naming types of weather in Spanish, asking and answering questions about what the weather is like today and writing and performing a weather forecast in Spanish.
PE	PE will take place on Tuesdays again this term when the children will be learning a new sport - lacrosse . Forest School lessons will continue every Wednesday morning for this term.
Music	This term we will continue practising our Young Voices songs before learning how to play the Ocarina . Ocarinas will come home with the children once we begin so, please remember their instruments need to be in school every Friday for our music lessons.
PSHE	We use a comprehensive PSHE programme to support us in developing fully rounded children who are healthy, sociable and emotionally literate. It covers key concepts and skills to support pupils' spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development. This term, we are focusing on economic wellbeing .

Parent Information

Year 4 Staff



Teachers

Miss Nixon – Monday to Friday

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Coomber, Miss Brooks and Miss Richards.

Mrs Rugg, Mrs Coomber and Miss Brooks – Forest School/PPA cover on Wednesday mornings

Home Learning



As home learning continues, please ensure that your child is reading daily at home and continues to regularly practise their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars.

Homework books are expected in school **every Monday** and reading diaries should be in school **every day**. House points will be awarded for children who remember them!

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PE and Forest School



PE during term 3 will take place on Tuesdays. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day. They will need:

- their house-coloured PE t-shirt
- black/navy shorts or a skort (in warmer weather)/jogging bottoms (in colder weather)
- trainers
- grey/white socks.

We are fortunate to be able to continue with Forest School every Wednesday morning. On Wednesdays, please send your child into school in their Forest School clothing with their school uniform in a named carrier bag. Depending on weather, we would recommend children wearing the following items for forest school:

- ✓ Warm socks
- ✓ Layers are best- leggings and jogging bottoms
- ✓ T-shirt/long sleeved top
- ✓ Jumper or fleece
- ✓ Waterproof trousers or all in one suits
- ✓ Waterproof jackets or all in one suits
- ✓ Hat, scarf and gloves
- ✓ Wellington boots.

What do children need to bring to school?



Please can children bring the following items each day:

- A book bag or a **small** rucksack. No large bags please.
- A clearly labelled water bottle.
- A packed lunch (if not having school lunch).
- Their reading book and reading record.
- Their PE kit.
- A sun hat and sun cream when the weather is warm (if they can self-administer and weather permitting).
- A coat/hats and gloves (weather permitting).
- A pencil case (optional-not too large please!).

If the weather is warm, parents will be advised to put sun-cream on their child before coming to school.

Children are only allowed to bring into school the items listed above, ie. no toys etc.

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If you have any urgent messages, these can be given to a member of staff on the school gate each morning. If you wish to speak to us in person, please come and see us at school pick up or phone the school office to arrange an appointment.

Timetable

Green Room	Monday <i>Mrs Stone/Mrs Forward</i>	Tuesday <i>Mrs Stone</i>	Wednesday <i>Mrs Forward</i>	Thursday <i>Mrs Stone/Mrs Forward</i>	Friday <i>Mrs Stone</i>
8.35-9.00	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work/TTRS Registration	Early Work/ERIC Registration
9.00-9.20	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
9.20-9.30	Handwriting	Spelling - Dictation	PPA Forest School Spelling test	Spelling - Teach 2	Spelling - Teach 3
9.30-10.30	English	English		English	English
10.30-10.45	Morning Break	Morning Break		Morning Break	Morning Break
10.45-11.00	Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach	Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach		Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach	Times Tables Times tables collection - BBC Teach
11.00-12.00	Maths	Maths	11:30 Spelling - Teach 1 and Handwriting	Maths	Maths
12.00-1.00	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime	Lunchtime
1.00-1.15	Registration/ERIC Library	Registration/ERIC	Registration/ERIC	Registration/ERIC	Registration/ERIC
1.15-2.10	PE	TTRS then Computing	English - Reading	RE	Science
2.00-3.00	History/Geography	Music	Maths - Times Tables PSHE/Spanish	Art/DT	
3.00-3.15	Story	Story	Story	Story	Story

Behaviour systems/Values Points

As a school, we continue to follow our Behaviour and Positive Relationships Policy-please refer to this policy to see how positive behaviour for learning is encouraged at Hildenborough.

We are looking forward to working with you to support your child's progress this year. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,
The Year 4 team 😊

