

Curriculum Overview 20-21 Year Group: Year 4

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2			
English	Fiction: Narrative – Story structure and writing; Playscripts; Narrative – Stories; Character descriptions; settings; story writing; Diaries; Stories with a historical setting; Narrative-Myths and legends; description.								
	Non-Fiction – Non-cho	rological reports; Let	ters; Recounts; Instructior	ns; explanation; Chror	nological reports				
	Poetry – Description in	poems; Performance	e poems; Narrative poems	3					
Maths	See White Rose schem	e overview: <u>https://v</u>	vrm-13b48.kxcdn.com/wp	-content/uploads/202	0/07/Year-4-Lesson-by-	Lesson-Overview.pdf			
History	Why were the		What was the	Why was there a	Possible continuation				
	Ancient Egyptians		effect of Anglo-	struggle between					
	significant?		Saxon and Scot	the Anglo-Saxons					
			settlement in	and the Vikings?					
	Know where and		Britain?						
	when the first								
	civilisations appeared			Know who the					
	(Ancient Sumer,		Know where, when	Vikings were,					
	Indus Valley, Ancient		and the impact of	where they came					
	Egypt, Shang China).		Anglo-Saxon and	from and why					
			Scot settlement in	there was a					
	Know the key		Britain.	struggle between					
	significant features of			them and the					
	Ancient Egypt and		Identify historically	Anglo-Saxons.					
	compare these to		significant people						
	other ancient		(such as Hadrian	Identify historically					
	civilisations (features		the African) and	significant people					
	of ancient Egypt		events (such as the	(such as King					
	include the River Nile,		arrival of	Alfred, Aethelflaed,					
	the pyramids,		Christianity).	and					
	religion, pharaohs).			King Cnut) and					

	Continue to	events
Identify historically	develop a	
significant people	chronologically	Continue to
(such as Khufu/	secure knowledge	develop a
Akhenaten) and	of history.	chronologically
events (such as the		secure knowledge
building of the	Begin to establish	of history.
pyramid at Giza/the	clear narratives	
opening of	within and across	Begin to establish
Tutankhamun's	time periods	clear narratives
tomb).	studied.	within and across
		time periods
Continue to develop	Begin to note	studied.
a chronologically	connections,	
secure knowledge of	contrasts and	Begin to note
history.	trends over time.	connections,
		contrasts and
Begin to establish	Have some	trends over time.
clear narratives	understanding of	
within and across	relevant key	Have some
time periods studied.	vocabulary.	understanding of
		relevant key
Begin to note	Have some	vocabulary.
connections,	understanding of	
contrasts and trends	how knowledge of	Have some
over time.	the past is	understanding of
	constructed from a	how knowledge of
Have some	range of sources.	the past is
understanding of		constructed from a
relevant key	Begin to select and	range of sources.
vocabulary.	organise relevant	
	historical	Begin to select and
Have some	information.	organise relevant
understanding of how	A se anno an A an A	historical
knowledge of the	Answer (and	information.
past is constructed	sometimes ask)	
from a range of	historically valid	Answer (and

	sources. Begin to select and organise relevant historical information. Answer (and sometimes ask) historically valid questions. Begin to understand that different versions of the past exist, giving reasons for this.		questions. Begin to understand that different versions of the past exist, giving reasons for this.	sometimes ask) historically valid questions.	
Geography		How has the geography of Manchester changed over time? Know how types of settlement, land use, topographical features, economic activity, the distribution of natural resources and the population of Manchester changed over time. Use maps, atlases, aerial photographs and fieldwork to support them with			How has geography made North America? Know the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities in North America. Be able to locate key cities and populations. To be able explain why key cities are

	the above. Know how/why the physical features of Manchester (rivers, distribution of natural resources, canals, ports) led to Manchester becoming the centre of the Industrial Revolution during Victorian times.				located in specific places. To identify where key industries are located and why (e.g. mining). To identify where key tourist attractions are located (e.g. national parks, mountains). Be able to use geographical and map language to explain the links between location and industry/trade (e.g. in the north- west, mid-west, east coast, southern climates, Gulf region). Children may look at a specific area in detail using 4 figure grid references.
Science Sound	Electricity	Living things and their habitats	States of matter	Animals including humans	Scientific enquiry

 identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery recognise that sound source increases identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors 	recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things	materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature	describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey	
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Computing			See ICT with N					
	Covered across the year, across subjects							
Art	Why were the Egyptians significant??Look at a range of Egyptian art and artefacts, Discuss the themes and the skills of the Egyptian artists and crafts people. Use knowledge Egyptian art and Heiroglyphs to create a pharaoh style self portrait	How has the geography of Manchester changed over time? Look at the work of a selection of British landscape artists, particularly Hockney. Look at the work "The arrival of Spring in Woldgate". Examine Hockney's use of colour and discuss some colour theory. Create a copy of one of the pictures in the series Use drawing app on ipads to create a similar work.	Why did the Anglo Saxons settle in England? Look at a range of artefacts and discuss the skills of Saxon crafts people. Design a Saxon brooch to sculpt in clay and embellish with jewels. Create a replica Anglo Saxon helmet	Why was there astruggle betweenAnglo Saxons andVikings?Look at the designand construction of	Why was there a struggle between Anglo Saxons and Vikings?	How has geography made North America? Look at American landscape artists? Look at the graffiti artwork of American pop artist Keith Haring		
Design and Technology		Textiles What kind of t-shirt should I make? Generate ideas, considering the		Construction Can we make a bird/squirrel feeder for the playground?		Food Technology What kind of hummus should we have at our picnic? Children should		
		purposes for which		Be able to explain		know how to name		

they are designing.	how using a pulley makes lifting an	and sort a wider range of foods into
Confidently make labelled drawings	object easier	the 'eat well plate'.
from different views,	Cut materials	Know how to use a
showing specific features.	accurately after	range of food
leatures.	selecting	preparation
Develop a clear idea	appropriate tools	techniques (such
of what must be		as chopping,
done, planning how	Be able to measure	measuring,
to use materials,	and mark out to	blending, mixing).
equipment, and	the nearest	
processes, and	millimetre	Know that a
suggesting alternative methods		healthy diet is
of making, if the first	Use cutting techniques that	made up from a variety and
attempts fail.	involve cutting	balance of different
	within the	food and drink
Identify the strengths	perimeter of a	from the 'eat well
and areas for	shape (slots or cut	plate'.
development in their	outs)	piece
ideas and products.		Know that to be
When planning,	Understand the	active and healthy,
consider the views of	need for care and	food and drink are
others, including	safety when using	needed to provide
intended users, to	tools such as	energy for the
improve their work.	scissors	body.
Learn about	Be able to drill a	
designers who have	hole using a hand	
developed ground -	drill	
breaking products.		
Evaluate the key		
designs of individuals		

		in design and technology. Sew using a range of different stitches.				
Music and Drama	Why were the ancient Egyptians significant? A bao a que • play and perform in	Manchester This is the place play and peform in solo and ensemble	Why did the Anglo- Saxons settle in England?	Why was there a struggle between the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings?	 2-note patterns mountain/sea/sky music shape- shifting music mossing 	North America Rhapsody in Blue Gershwin
	ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical	contexts, usng their voices and	Legend of Beowulf	Listening and applying	arpeggios • repeating patterns • shimmering and	play and peform in solo and
	instruments • improvise and	playing musical instruments with	play and peform in solo and	knowledge and understanding	trembling patterns. • layers of rhythmic	ensemble contexts, usng
	compose music for a range of purposes	increasing accuracy, fluency, control and	ensemble contexts, usng their voices and	Listening to a sound-montage; listening to and	sounds • jazzy "scat" improvisations • Pentatonic wave-	their voices and playing musical instruments
	using the interrelated dimensions of music	expression improvise and	playing musical	repeating single phrases; natural	melodies • Changing instruments • Using	with increasing accuracy,
	Motif, Palindrome, Pitched and	compose music for a range of	increasing accuracy,	sounds; Viking instruments.	unpitched sounds for atmosphere •	fluency, control and expression
	Unpitched percussion,	purposes using the inter-related	fluency, control and expression	indentifying natural sounds and	fanfares and horn- calls • tune-variations	improvise and compose music
	Retrograde	dimensions of music listen with	improvise and compose music	environments; identifying types of instruments	(forwards/backwards/ upside-down) • anvil- music with metal	for a range of purposes using the inter-related
	Listen to Sprite from A Bao a Que Mason Bates. Note it's	attention to detail and recall sounds	for a range of purposes using the inter-related	(strings, percussion etc). Blues	instruments/sounds • class "storm" music •	dimensions of music
	palindromic. Create own beast. Create	with increasing aural memory	dimensions of music	instruments and percussion.	two-note melodies with repeated notes •	listen with attention to
	musical motifs for beast on untuned	Listen to Tony	listen with attention to	Identifying home- note and key;	`garden' music • `icy' repeating patterns •	detail and recall sounds with
	percussion. Create palindromic piece of	Adam's This is the Place (poem	detail and recall sounds with	drones. Identifying metal instruments;	rising and falling pentatonic tunes •	increasing aural memory
	music incorporating tuned percussion.	written after Arena bombing.	increasing aural memory	horncalls, string- sounds and	flight-patterns up/down, with	appreciate and understand a

Discuss content and		percussion.	unpitched wind and	wide range of
emotional responses.	Listen to story –	Identifying various	sea sounds •	high quality live
Why is it such a	comprehension	percussion and	birdsong music •	and recorded
successful poem?	focussing on	"glassy" sounds;	environmental music	music drwn
Think about rhythm	inference skills.	comparing film-	adapting above	from different
and scanning. In		music approaches.	ideas as 'incidental'	traditions and
groups, compose	Singing a round:	Identifying natural	music for drama	from great
own poems on what	find other pieces of	environments by	scenes. • groups	composers and
we feel represents	music to identify	sound; identifying	preparing selected	musicians
Manchester thinking	the pulse in -	types of birdsong.	compositions for	develop an
about rhythm.	clapping along, as	Identifying song-	performance.	understanding
Perform with choral	well as finding new	music extracts	performing 'sound-	of the history of
speaking – consider	ways of moving to	used as story-links.	pictures' to school	music.
ostinato, pitch,	the beat - such as	Listening to and	and to public.	
dynamic, silence,	tapping your	being aware of		
canon. Perform for	shoulders, clicking	each other as		Make a list of the
class.	your fingers and	performers.		sounds around
	tapping your feet.	Reviewing		school
	Listening music:	recording, video,		Describe them and
	Mozart Horn	written work etc.		make
	Concerto The			musical motifs fro
	music is linked to			m these
	the topic of Anglo-			descriptions
	Saxons.			Structure motifs
	Focus: Note			into a composition
	patterns - changing			Learn and invent
	the order of the			'train' rhythms
	notes / Call and			(ostinatos)
	response /			Learn about the
	Rhythms -			blues scale
	changing the			Invent a tune
	rhythm of the			Use technical
	notes • Discuss			terminology where
	how music is			appropriate
	usually made up of			SPP. Oprioco
	musical patterns.			Structure sections
	The order of the			

			Listening music: the Anglo-Saxon harp For the listening music go to this YouTube link. Watch from 01:51 to 03:47.notes in these patterns can change.			of music into a bigger piece Perform
RE	What does it mean to b today?	be a Hindu in Britain	What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?	Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?	Why are festivals important to religious communities?	Why do some people think that life is like a journey and what significant experiences mark this?
			See progression docum	nent for further detail		

PE	Gymnastics: Arching and Bridges
	• Support your body weight on your hands and feet only. Spin from one means of support to another.
	• Create sequences and perform them using front and back symmetrical supports and symmetrical spinning.
	Create sequences involving different controlled rolls and front and back supports.
	Create sequences moving seamlessly from front and back supports to other balances.
	• Create a sequence in a pair showing different formations within your sequence and perform in unison to a set count.
	• Work in a pair to create a sequence of front and back supports which involve working under and over.
	Gymnastics: Pushing and Pulling
	• Balance on different points and patches. Match a partner's moves in synchrony.
	• Compose a sequence with a partner and perform elements of your sequence in contrast to a partner.
	• Match your partner's asymmetrical balances. Work with contrasting dynamics to your partner.
	• Create a sequence involving matching and contrasts which is performed to a high standard with a partner.
	• Work in a group to compose a sequence with contrasting and matching shapes and moves.
	• Work at contrasting levels and perform in unison and canon.
	Gymnastics: Rolling and travelling low
	• Forward roll with good technique and control. Perform a forward roll as part of a sequence of rolls.
	Link forward rolls into a rolling sequence seamlessly.
	• Roll backwards and come to a standing without knees touching the mat. Roll backwards into straddle.
	Roll in unison with a partner. Create a sequence involving a variety of rolls and perform control and poise.

PE	 Mirror a partner's rolls. Work in pairs with good timing. Produce a sequence of rolls which show elements of unison, cannon and mirroring. 							
PE	Outdoor games: Tag Rugby	Outdoor games: Football	Outdoor games: Basket Ball	Outdoor games: Hockey	Outdoor games: Athletics	Outdoor games: Cricket		
		See prog	gression document for	l further detail on outdo	or games			
PSHE	Being me in my world	Celebrating difference	Dreams and goals	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me		
	I know my attitudes and actions make a difference to the class team I know how to use my Jigsaw Journal I understand who is in my school community, the roles they play and how I fit	I understand that, sometimes, we make assumptions based on what people look like I understand what influences me to make assumptions based on how people look I know that	I can tell you about some of my hopes and dreams I understand that sometimes hopes and dreams do not come true and that this can hurt I know that reflecting on	I can recognise how different friendship groups are formed, how I fit into them and the friends I value the most I can recognise the changing dynamics between people in different groups, see who takes on which role, e.g.	I can identify the web of relationships that I am part of, starting from those closest to me and including those more distant I can identify someone I love and can express why they are special to me	I understand that some of my personal characteristics have come from my birth parents and that this happens because I am made from the joining of their egg and sperm I can correctly label the internal and		
	I understand how democracy works through the school council I understand that my actions affect myself and others; I care about other	sometimes bullying is hard to spot and I know what to do if I think it is going on but I'm not sure I can tell you why witnesses sometimes join in	positive and happy experiences can help me to counteract disappointment I know how to make a new plan and set new goals	leader, follower, and understand the roles I take on in different situations I understand the facts about smoking and its effects on health,	I can tell you about someone I know that I no longer see I can explain different points of view on an animal rights issue	external parts of male and female bodies that are necessary for making a baby I can describe how a girl's body changes in order		

people's feelings	with bullying and	even if I have been	and also some of	I understand how	for her to be able
and try to	sometimes don't tell	disappointed	the reasons some	people feel when	to have babies
empathise with			people start to	they love a special	when she is an
them	I can identify what	I know how to work	smoke	pet	adult, and that
	is special about me	out the steps to			menstruation
I understand how	and value the ways	take to achieve a	I understand the	know how to show	(having periods) is
groups come	in which I am	goal, and can do	facts about alcohol	love and	a natural part of
together to make	unique	this successfully as	and its effects on	appreciation to the	this
decisions		part of a group	health, particularly	people and animals	
	I can tell you a time		the liver, and also	who are special to	I know how the
I understand how	when my first	I can identify the	some of the	me	circle of change
democracy and	impression of	contributions made	reasons some		works and can
having a voice	someone changed	by myself and	people drink alcohol		apply it to changes
benefits the school	when I got to know	others to the	. .		I want to make in
community	them	group's	I can recognise		my life
		achievement	when people are		T and identify
			putting me under		I can identify
			pressure and can		changes that have
			explain ways to resist this when I		been and may
			want		continue to be outside of my
			Wall		control that I learnt
			I know myself well		
			enough to have a		to accept
			clear picture of		I can identify what
			what I believe is		I am looking
			right and wrong		forward to when I
					am in Year 5