

Year 4 Foundation Subject Overview Spring 1 2025



All subjects will be taught discretely, making links to other areas of learning where appropriate. These links will be to prior learning and to other subject areas to give knowledge meaning and context.

Computing

Programming – Repetition in Shapes

We will create programs by planning, modifying, and testing commands to create shapes and patterns.

RE

How do the 'Five Pillars' of Islam help Muslims to lead a good life? Expands and develops learning about the Five Pillars of Islam as a way of focusing on key Muslim beliefs about the right way to live. How have practices changed or stayed the same over time?

Music

Weekly Woodwind lessons every Tuesday afternoon.

Art & Design

Exploring Pattern - Explore pattern and developing a range of technical skills and knowledge through drawing and collage. Using a mindful approach to working with pattern. Appreciating how artists and designers use pattern in their own work.

Science

Sound - Understanding that sounds are made when objects vibrate and how sound reaches the ear and how the different parts of the ear allow us to hear sounds. Exploring sound and understand how the intensity of sound is measured. Planning and evaluating a fair test.

French

Food, Clothing and Calendar (dates & times) - Show understanding of a range of familiar spoken phrases. Listen to and accurately repeat particular phonemes in songs and rhymes and begin to make links to spellings.

PΕ

Football – Developing the attacking & defending principles of invasion games. Using skills and tactics to outwit the opposition and move the ball towards the goal.

Gymnastics – continuing to work on flexibility, technique, strength, control and balance. Developing sequence and performing skills.

PSHE

Dreams & Goals - Sharing hopes and dreams and how it feels when dreams don't come true and how to cope with / overcome feelings of disappointment. Reflecting on successes and the feelings associated with overcoming a challenge.

History

Ancient Greece - Researching the achievements of this ancient civilisation. Exploring how and where the ancient Greeks lived, what was important to the daily lives of ancient Greeks. We will also compare the modern and ancient Olympic Games. Find out detailed information about some ancient Greek gods and goddesses.

How can you help?

- Ask your child about their learning in school.
- Be aware of what your child is accessing online.

	Sound -	What should I already know?		
	Key Vocabulary		Hearing is one of	
Ear	An organ used for hearing.	March Allandon William	my 5 senses.	
Soundproof	To prevent sound from passing.			MM
Vibration	A movement backwards and forwards.	AAAA	Sounds can be combined using	
Absorb sound	To take in sound energy. Absorbent materials have the effect of muffling sound.		musical instruments.	usical
Ear drum	A part of the ear which is a thick, tough layer of tissue that		Key facts/s	scientists
	is stretched out like a drum skin. Sound waves make the eardrum vibrate.		quieter	
Pitch	How high or low a sound is.	The pitch of a sound is how high or low it	Sound is a type of	The volume of a sound is
Amplitude	The size of a vibration. A larger amplitude = a louder sound.	is. A squeak of mouse has a high pitch. A roar of a lion has a low pitch.	energy. Sounds are made when objects vibrate. The vibration makes the air around the object vibrate and the air	how loud or quiet it is. When a sound is created by a little amount of energy, a weak sound wave is created which doesn't travel far. This
Volume	The loudness of a sound.	You cannot always see the vibrations , but if something is making a sound, some part of it is always vibrating.		
Source	The beginning; where something comes from.	Sound waves can travel through solids (such as metal, stone and wood), liquids (such as water) and gases (such as air). Sounds are made when objects vibrate. When an object vibrates, the air around it vibrates too. This vibrating air can also be	vibrations enter your ear. You hear them as sounds. Sound waves travel through	makes a quiet sound. A small tap of a hammer is used with small amounts of energy and so creates a quiet noise. a medium (such as air,
Sound wave	Vibrations travelling from a sound source.	known as sound waves. The sound waves travel to the ear and make the eardrums vibrate.	water, glass, stone, and brick). For example, if somebody is playing music in the room next door, the sound can travel through the bricks in the wall.	

	Ancient Gree	The Olympics	
ancient civilisation	Key Vocabulary Something from a very long time ago. A human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.	Timeline Ancient Greece - 3500 BC Ancient Rome - c. 753 BC - AD 476 Ancient Egypt - c. 3000 BC - 30 BC Maya Civilisation - c. 2000 BC - c. AD 1500	The Olympics were first held in ancient Greece in 776 BC. This is one of the legacies of ancient Greece. Events included boxing, wrestling, running and chariot racing. Women were not allowed to compete in the Olympics. This
city states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army. A group of countries or states that are ruled by one ruler or country.	Stone Age Bronze Age Iron Age Roman Anglo-Saxon Britain Britain Sticky Knowledge	was because ancient Greek women were not treated as equals to men and had fewer freedoms. The idea for the marathon also originates from this time.
legacies	Things that exist after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends.	Ancient Greece was not a country. It was	
democracy myth	A system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run. A story from ancient times about something that happened long ago that some people believed to be true.	made up of city states. There were often battles between these city states but sometimes they would join together to defend themselves from a common enemy. Important city states of ancient Greece included Athens, Corinth and Sparta.	There were many enslaved people in ancient Greece. They made many objects and goods to be sold. Many ancient Greek pots that survive today would have been made by enslaved people.
primanry source	Information and objects that come from the time being studied.	The ancient Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each god/goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life too.	Ancient Athens is where democracy began in around 508 BC. Listening to the opinions of other people and debating issues
secondary source	Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied.	Ancient Greece was not a country. It was made up of city states. There were often battles between these city states. Important city states of ancient Greece included Athens, Corinth and Sparta.	was an important part of this system. After debating issues, the ancient Athenians would vote. The legacy of democracy still exists today in many parts of the world.