

Curriculum Overview / Revision Guide

Year 4	Subject – Mathematics	Term – Michaelmas
Topics covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place value (Chapter 1) Counting (Chapter 1) Addition (Chapter 4) Subtraction (Chapter 5) Addition and subtraction (Chapter 6) Multiplication (Chapter 9) Division (Chapter 10) Scales, estimation and rounding (Chapters 2 & 22) Introduction to decimals (Chapter 17) Decimal addition and subtraction (Chapter 18) Multiplication and division of a decimal number by 10, 100, 1000 (Chapter 18) Functions Inequalities Time (Chapter 14) Times-tables 2 to 12 (Chapter 8) Negative numbers: ordering and finding the difference between two negative numbers (Chapters 1 & 2) <p>Please use mymaths.co.uk for helpful revision lessons and activities.</p> <p>log-in: wccs / password: decimal</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour – mixed questions on all topics
	Further revision required	None

Please note that any topics that are not covered by the time of the exam will not be included in the exam. For more information about mathematics contact Dean Williams or Beth Marshall.

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Year 4	Subject – English	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Comprehension Boys will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • find information or ideas • identify meaning beyond the literal • explain the effect of a writer’s choice of words (verbs, adjectives, adverbs etc) and imagery (similes, metaphors, personification etc) • analyse the text as a whole • select short quotations and embed them correctly <p>Composition Boys will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create a vivid and clear setting • describe characters • base ideas on personal experience • use literary devices (similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia etc) and a broad vocabulary • develop a simple plot with a short time frame • use a range of sentence structures and sentence lengths <p>Punctuation Full stops, capitals letters, question marks, exclamation marks, direct speech, apostrophes, semi-colons and colons</p> <p>Grammar Nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, prepositions, simple sentences and compound sentences</p> <p>There will be a 35 minute punctuation and grammar test and 35 minute comprehension test in Week 5 to monitor progress.</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour – prose comprehension 1 hour – punctuation, grammar and composition
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – Science	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Biology: The variety of living things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification • Classification keys <p>Caring for the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitats • Pollution • Endangered species <p>Physics: Electricity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static electricity • Series circuits • Electricity safety • Conductors and insulators 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	1 hour – short answer questions and some longer responses
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – French	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Textbook - <i>So You Really Want To Learn French? Book 1</i> (Chapters 1-2)</p> <p>Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings/Introductions • Numbers • Language of the classroom • Asking someone's age • Days of the week • Months of the year <p>Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nouns / articles (le / la /un / une) • Possessive articles (mon / ma / mes) • Verbs – avoir and être • Concept of 'tu' and 'vous' <p>There will be regular vocabulary tests.</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>30 mins</p> <p>Gap-filling / multiple choice / matching vocabulary items together / odd one out</p> <p>Basic translation / adapting example sentences/short comprehension questions.</p>
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – Classics	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	Textbook – <i>Minimus</i> (Chapters 1-4) Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings in Latin • Nouns – family members, animals, differentiated endings • Adjectives – agreement rules • Verbs – present tense endings, <i>amo, sum</i> • Simple sentence translations Roman Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roman empire • Roman food • Perseus and Medusa • Roman education • Roman numerals 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	45 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-answer questions on Roman empire, Roman food, Perseus and Medusa • Vocabulary – picture labelling and simple translations involving nouns, adjectives and verb endings
	Further revision required	Boys will be provided with a list of words from the material covered to be learned as vocabulary.

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Year 4	Subject – Religious Studies	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Introduction to Catholicism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the Mass • Who is God? • Revelation • Christmas <p>The Old Testament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation • Abraham • Moses • The Ten Commandments • King David <p>There will be regular tests throughout the term to check understanding</p>	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>45 minutes</p> <p>Section one Define key terms</p> <p>Section two and three Focusing on a topic above, boys will be asked to describe a Bible story using a painting and own knowledge, and answer both short comprehension questions and opinion-based questions</p>
	Further revision required	Boys should read their Children’s Bibles and learn the stories in the Old Testament

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Year 4	Subject – History	Term – Michaelmas
Topics covered	Age of Discovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mappa Mundi • Marco Polo • Henry the Navigator • Christopher Columbus • Life at sea • The dark side of discoveries and the Colombian Exchange 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	45 minutes – multiple choice questions, short answer questions with some paragraph-long answers at the end of the exam
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – Geography	Term – Michaelmas
Topics covered	<p>What is geography?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining geography • Defining human, physical and environmental geography • Identifying key aspects of human, physical and environmental geography from photographs <p>Where in the world are we?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding scale – local, regional, national, global, and universal • The location of the planets • The location of the continents • The location of key global countries • The location of key European countries • The location of the countries and capital cities of the British Isles 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	40 minutes – short-answer questions with one extended piece of writing based on a photograph
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – Art	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>Christmas card project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a Christmas card inspired by stain glass windows. <p>Introduction to medieval art</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of medieval art and needlework • Developing simple sewing techniques • Creating a collage panel depicting a battle scene inspired by the Bayeux Tapestry <p>Art work inspired by The Sword in the Stone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw and paint an imaginative scene from the book using the visuals described. • Design a Modroc model inspired by beasts and creatures from the book. 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	<p>1 hour</p> <p>Section 1 Short written answer questions on medieval art and recognising parts of the Bayeux Tapestry</p> <p>Section 2 Tying a knot, simple sewing technique – along a straight line</p> <p>Imaginative collage practical piece – cutting and sticking technique</p>
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – ICT	Term – Michaelmas
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Topics covered	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Safety • WCCS ICT Policy • How to turn on/off the computer • How to log in/off the computer • Log-in details • Personal drive in the school network <p>MS Word</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Project ‘All About Me’ • Touch typing • Editing <p>MS PowerPoint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Project ‘All About Me’ Continuation • Animations • Presenting work to others <p>MS Excel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic maths operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division • Averages • Charts <p>Internet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety • Internet browsers • Keywords and images from Google 	
Christmas exam details	Exam Format	No exam
	Further revision required	None

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Year 4	Subject – Class Music	Term – Michaelmas
Topics covered	<p>Singing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Missa Orbis Factor</i> • <i>The Holly & the Ivy, Jesus Christ the Apple Tree, In Dulci Jubilo</i> • <i>The Truth from Above</i> (Vaughan-Williams) • <i>Noël Nouvelet</i> (trad. French) <p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where e'er you walk</i> (Handel) • <i>Fantasia on Greensleeves</i> (Vaughan-Williams) <p>Performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior choir • Solo singing competition 	
Christmas exam details	Exam format	No exam
	Further revision required	None

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