

QUEEN EMMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Year 4: 2025 - 2026

Subjects	Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
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Topic and Outcome	Romans and their Rivals		How Do We Shape our Land?	Race to the Pole	Across the Atlantic	The Golden Age of Islam
Writing Outcomes Grammar in Context	To Inform: Persuasive advert linked to selling Roman Houses Grammar in Context: Expanded noun phrases Revision of Y3 punctuation To Entertain: Diary Entry with a Historical Setting Grammar in Context: Fronted adverbials Nouns / Pronouns Present perfect tense Paragraphs	To Inform: Newspaper Report about eruption at Pompei Grammar in Context: Inverted commas in speech Paragraphs Organisational devices — headings / sub-headings To Entertain: Narrative based on a Roman Myth Grammar in Context: Revision of Y3 punctuation, including speech punctuation Use of noun phrases + modifying phrases to convey information concisely and provide detail and description Paragraphs	To Entertain: Narrative based on 'Farther' by Grahame Baker-Smith Grammar in Context: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases Direct speech To Inform: Formal letter linked to local development Grammar in Context: Subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions Present perfect tense Causal conjunctions	To Entertain: Diary Entry based on 'Shackleton's Diary' by Grammar in Context: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases with prepositions Reported speech Pronouns Possessive apostrophes Present perfect tense To Entertain: Free Verse Poems based on 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright Grammar in Context: Building a rich and varied vocabulary	To Inform: Trip review Grammar Focus: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases with prepositions Subordinate clauses – using when, if, because although Pronouns To Entertain: Narrative (Journey Story) based on 'Zeraffa Giraffa' by Dianne Hofmeyr Grammar in Context: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases with prepositions Direct speech	To Inform: Information brochure (Baghdad) Grammar in Context: Formal language / fronted adverbials Subordinating conjunctions To Entertain: Stories from Different Cultures (Arabian Nights) Grammar in Context: Fronted adverbials Expanded noun phrases with prepositions Direct speech Time conjunctions
Spelling	Spelling: -use of dictionary (use up to first three letters of a word to check spelling) Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words	Spelling: -prefixes and suffixes: auto- / anti- / super- / -ly / -ous Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words	Spelling: -homophones and near homophones Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words	Spelling: -use of 'a' / 'an' – depending on whether next word begins with a vowel or consonant Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words	Spelling: -word families Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words	Spelling: Year 3 / 4 NC Statutory Spelling Words
Whole Class Guided Reading Texts	'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell	'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl	'Quest' by Aaron Baker	'Zeraffa Giraffa' by Dianne Hofmeyer	'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White	
Raving About Reading Texts	'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine	'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf	'Varjak Paw' by S.F. Said	'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo	'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman	'Anisha the Accidental Detective' by Serena Patel
Mathematics	Number: Addition and Subtraction Number: Place Value Measurement: Perimeter	Number: Multiplication and Division 3,6,9 times table	Number: Multiplication and Division 7 times table and patterns	Number: Multiplication and Division Geometry: Co-ordinates Number: Negative Numbers	Number: Review of Fractions Fractions; ractions Greater than One	Gemoetry: Symmetry in 2d shapes; Angles Measurement: Time Number: Division with Remainders
Science	Animals, including Humans	Sound	States of Matter	Electricity	Living Things and Habitats	Living Things and Habitats
Computing	Purple Mash 4.5 Effective Searching (4 lessons) 4.1 Unpacking Hardware and Software (4 lessons)	Purple Mash 4.4 Sound Stories (4 lessons) 4.3 Logo (4 lessons)	Purple Mash 4.6 Coding(6 lessons)	Purple Mash 4.2 Animation (6 lessons)	Purple Mash 4.7 Making Music (4 lessons) 4.8 Introduction to Al (2 lessons)	Purple Mash 4.8 Introduction to AI (2 lessons) 4.9 Micro:bits (4 lessons)



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History	Invasion: The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain					Civilisation : Achievements and Impact of 'The Golden Age of Islam'			
Geography			Locational Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography / Geographical Skills and Fieldwork: Changes in Land Use / Local Area Chalk Pit Visit	Human and Physical Geography / Geographical Skills and Fieldwork: Climate Zones, Biomes, Vegetation Belts, Time Zones	Place Knowledge / Human and Physical Geography: Comparison of East Anglia and region of North America - California				
RE	Christianity: Leaders – What difference did Paul's conversion make to Christians?	Christianity: Beliefs in Action – What do Christians mean when they talk about the Kingdom of God?	Christianity: Leaders - Could Jesus really perform miracles?	Islam: Impact on Individuals – How do Muslims show their submission and obedience to Allah?	Cross Religion: Big Questions - How and why do people help those without a home?	Islam: Leaders – Why do Muslims call Muhammed the 'Seal of the Prophets?'			
Art	Drawing: Proportion and Scale, Self-Portraits and Grid Drawings Focus Artist: Pablo Picasso		Drawing: Observational drawing of natural objects, investigate shading techniques to create tone 3D and Sculpture: Create sculptures using natural materials, clay techniques to create clay tree faces Focus Artist: Andy Goldsworthy		Painting: Review tints and shades, introduce watercolours, create mixed media landscape art Focus Artist: Ted Harrison	Collage: Creating geometric patterns and mosaics (link to Golden Age of Islam theme) Focus Artist: Antoni Gaudi / Alma Thomas			
DT		Design, Make and Evaluate: Textiles – 2D shape to 3D Product (A Christmas Decoration)		Design, Make and Evaluate: Technical Knowledge – Electrical Systems / Simple Circuits and Switches (A Torch)		Design, Make and Evaluate: Cooking and Nutrition - Healthy and Varied Diets (Middle Eastern Flatbread and Toppings)			
Music	Unit 1 – Just Three Notes	Unit 2 – Global Pentatonics	Unit 3 – Whole Class Instrumental Tuition: Glockenspiels 2	Unit 4 – Time for a Song	Unit 5 – Whole Class Instrumental Tuition: Recorders 3	Unit 6 – Whole Class Instrumental Tuition: Recorders 4			
PSHCE	Citizenship: Rights, Rules and Responsibilties	Healthy and Safer Lifestyles: Personal Safety + 1 week blocked unit in Anti-Bullying Week Myself and My Relationships: Anti-Bullying	Myself and My Relationships: Family and Friends	Myself and My Relationships: Managing Change	Healthy and Safer Lifestyles: Drug Education	Healthy and Safer Lifestyles: Relationships and Sex Education			
	+ 1 day unit (Young Enterprise Day) on Economic Well-Being: Financial Capability								
PE	Ball Skills: Y3 / 4 Dance: Year 4 (Premier Sport)	Football: Year 3 / 4 Dance: Year 4 (Premier Sport)	Gymnastics: Year 4 (Premier Sport) Hockey: Year 3 / 4	Gymnastics: Year 4 (Premier Sport) Fitness: Year 3 / 4	Tennis: Year 4 (Premier Sport) Athletics: Year 4	Rounders: Year 3 / 4 Basketball: Year 3 / 4 (Premier Sport)			
French	Je me presente (Presenting Myself) La Phonetique: Lesson 2 (Phonics and Pronunciation)	Les saisons (Seasons)	Les Legumes (Vegetables)	Ma Familie (Family)	En Classe (Classroom)	Au Salon de the (Tea room)			
Curriculum Enrichment Activities School Events	History Off the Page – Roman Day	School Anti-Bullying Week	Local walk	Visit to Scott Polar Museum School Book Week		Visit to Cambridge Mosque Sports Morning			