



Mersey Park Primary School Curriculum Overview

Year 4



Term/Topic	Mersey Park Themes	Maths	Literacy	History	Geography	Art (Kapow)	DT	Computing	Science	PSHE	RE (Kapow)	Music (Kapow)	PE	MFL (Kapow)
Autumn 1 Travels Around Italy The Roman Empire	Democracy - BV Attendance Healthy Mind and Body - Self-Esteem Growth Mindset Healthy Eating	Multiplication Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Talk for Writing Romulus and Remus Narrative Recount writing – Chester trip	Origins of the Roman Empire – some primary sources and secondary sources (validity of sources) Early Roman Civilisation Roman Emperors, senate, republic, democracy Britain at the time of the Roman Invasion Roman Invasion of Britain-comparison British resistance- Boudicca, Cartimandua, Hadrian's Wall Roman Army – 'typical roman soldier and misconceptions – diversity, improvements in weapons and armour Legacies of Roman times-roads, baths, law, money etc Failed invasions Punishments – gladiators, slaves	Revision - continents, oceans, equator, 8 compass points, 4 figure grid references Location of Europe/Italy/Rome Settlements in Italy – capital city/major cities Population Human and physical features – Italy/Rome Trade and tourism Climate Visit: Chester	Power Prints Drawing- Link to Roman Britain topic Use sketchbooks purposefully Use a growing knowledge of different drawing materials Fernando Botero Alberto Giacometti Henri Matisse Henri Moore Ed Ruscha George Seurat	Design, make and evaluate pizza. Design the delivery packaging looking at examples as prototypes.	IT: Use of Different Software - Branching Databases Pupils learn about the concept of branching database and create their own using presentation software.	Working Scientifically Animals including Humans: the digestive system, types of teeth, food chains	Being me in my world Meet the Brain	Are all religions equal? How can we talk about religions and worldviews respectfully? How are different religious worldviews connected? Is there more than one way to understand God? Why is religious harmony important? How can people from different worldviews live in harmony? How and why should we celebrate religious equality?	Adapting and transposing motifs (Theme: Romans) Drawing upon their understanding of repeating patterns in music, pupils are introduced to the concept of motifs.	Striking and fielding – Rounders Athletics	Dates Numbers to 31 Months of the year and date Spanish festivities - dates they occur Ask and answer 'When is your birthday?' Mexican birthday traditions
Autumn 2 The Roman Empire	Remembrance Rule of Law - BV Anti-bullying Attendance Resilience Healthy Mind and Body - Sleep		Non-chronological report - Roman Invasion Eye Witness account – Roman Invasion			Light and Dark Painting and mixed media Linked to Science-Light Applying observational skills, showing a greater awareness of composition and develop individual style Develop greater skill and control using paint Audrey Flack Clara Peters		Computer Science: Programming Skills - Repetition and Forever Loops Learn to use repeat loops in their code	Working Scientifically Electricity: simple circuits, conductors and insulators, electrical appliances	Celebrating difference (including anti-bullying) Life Bus Anti-Bullying Week Safety Week Celebrate	What makes some texts sacred? How do people communicate beliefs without words? What can we find out about scripture? What does it mean if scripture was revealed or remembered? Why do some worldviews have more than one book of scripture? How do some people demonstrate the value of scripture? How do sacred texts play a part in some people's lives?		Invasion games - Tag Rugby Dance – Around the world Traditional, Multi-Cultural dance Swimming	Pets Names of different animals - adjectives to describe the characteristics Write a story about a visit to a pet shop Perform their stories to a small audience
Spring 1 Passport to Europe	Attendance Liberty - BV Growth Mindset Anti-bullying/Cyber-bullying	Measurement – Area and Perimeter Multiplication and Division Fractions	Character description - Edward Tulane Diary – Edward Tulane	Roman invasion across Europe Legacies- language Trade links over time	Revise locations - Europe/countries/oceans/seas/capital cities/8 point compass/4 figure grid references Wirral study - Wirral and Andalucia comparison. Physical features - mountains and rivers Famous European landmarks Climate zones, weather Comparisons-tourism, trade European trade leaders), import, exports Natural Resources Population, rural, urban areas Refugees	Fabric of Nature Craft and Design- link to Passport to Europe Topic Showing an understanding of appropriate finish and presenting work to a good standard Learning new making techniques Building a more complex vocabulary when discussing their own and others' art Ruth Daniels Seneka Senananyake William Morris Megan Carter		Computer Science: Programming Project - Coding with Scratch Create a game using repeat loops	Working Scientifically Living Things and Their Habitats: classification keys, features of habitats Science Week	Dreams and Goals Anti-Bullying Week (Cyber bullying) Life Bus (e-safety) Chinese New Year Appreciate	Just how important are our beliefs? What do promises mean? What promises do we make? Can we see the importance of someone's beliefs on the outside? How else might some people show their commitment? What else might people give up for their beliefs? What might someone sacrifice?	Body and tuned percussion (Theme: Rainforests) A topic of discovery; children will explore the rainforest through music and be introduced to new musical terms. They will also use a mixture of body percussion and tuned percussion instruments as the children create their own rhythms of the rainforest, layer by layer.	Gymnastics (Flight)	In a Weather Different types of weather Identify different locations using compass points Prepare and present a weather forecast Spanish
Spring 2 Passport to Europe	Healthy Mind and Body – Peer pressure Respect and Tolerance – BV Attendance		Letter - Edward Tulane Poetry Instruction writing (making Tulane puppet)				Design, make and evaluate a rabbit soft toy	IT: Media - Creating a Video Create their own videos and apply special effects to them Digital Literacy: Learn how photos/videos can be edited online for advertisement.		Healthy Me Healthy Eating Week Relate	Who was Jesus really? What do we know about Jesus? Who was around at the time of Jesus? What did people think of the Romans? What is a prophecy? What might miracles suggest about Jesus? What happened when Jesus died?		Invasion games - Football Gymnastics (Sequences)	Café Reading and creating typical Spanish café menus Order food and drink - role-play conversations between waiting staff and customers Evaluate and improve conversations
Summer 1 Anglo Saxons and Vikings	Personal Safety Attendance e-safety Healthy Mind and Body – body image	Decimals Measurement Money Statistics	The Truth About Mountain Ogres - Non - Chronological report Description - Ogres Narrative – Beowulf Persuasive Letter – Application for Ogres slayer job	Anglo Saxon Invasion / Roman Withdrawal – some primary sources and secondary sources (validity of sources) Invasion of Vortigern, Hengist and Horsa Famous Anglo-Saxon and Vikings – Alfred the Great, Aethelfled, King Canut Crime & punishment Trade and transport Compare life styles of Vikings and Anglo Saxons (food, houses, weapons & armour, religion)	Origins and settlements of Saxon Kingdoms Locations of the Saxon Kingdoms and settlements Viking origins and settlements European - countries, seas, oceans, locations Travel and trade Visit: Barnstondale	Mega Materials – link to Vikings (Sutton Hoo) Sculpture and 3D Choosing and adapting collage materials to create contrast and consider overall composition Use more complex joining techniques Using their own experiences of techniques and making processes to explain how art works may have been made El Anatsui Sokari Douglas-Camp Barbara Hepworth Magdelene Odundo Jaume Plensa	Design, make and evaluate a burglar alarm with a buzzer and pressure pad.	Computer Science: How Things Work - Networks and Online Services Understand what a network is and the parts of the local network in our school Digital Literacy: Understand why a password is important and what a good password looks like.	Working Scientifically Sound: how sound is made and how it travels	Relationships Multi-Cultural Week Anti-Bullying Week Engage	Why is the Bible the best-selling book of all time? How did the Christian Bible come to be? What is in the Bible? How did the Bible become a bestseller? How can the Bible mean different things to different people? Where might we find the Bible? How is the Bible relevant for some people today?	Samba and carnival sounds and instruments Getting a feel for the music and culture of South America, children are introduced to samba and the sights and sounds of the carnival.	Racket games - Tennis Invasion games - Hockey	Spanish Celebrations Express their musical preferences Verbs to describe activities they enjoy during different celebrations Key festivals in Spain Compare celebrations in both Spain and the UK
Summer 2 Anglo Saxons and Vikings	Attendance Growth Mindset Change and Transition New Beginning Fair play		Anglo Saxons Letter – Beowulf Narrative – Beowulf Poetry - Kenning	Feudal system Viking Raids, punishments Danegeld Death of Edward the Confessor Sutton Hoo discovery – artefacts from around the world Norman Conquest (1066 and Bayeux Tapestry)				IT: Design - Spreadsheets Create art using and creating a key in Microsoft Excel	Working Scientifically States of Matter: the three common states of matter and how to change states	Changing Me (including Sex education)	Does the language of scripture matter? What came before written scripture? How has Biblical Hebrew evolved? Is all Arabic the same? Should prayers be said in their 'original' languages? How important are translations of religious scripture? Why does some religious scripture contain artwork?	Developing singing technique (Theme: The Vikings) The children develop their singing technique. Learning to keep in time and work on musical notation and rhythm, the unit finishes with a group performance of a song with actions.	Striking and fielding - Quick Cricket Athletics OAA – Barnstondale	The Amazon Rainforest The Amazon River source to mouth - identify the geographical features Sights, sounds and people of the Amazon rainforest