



Queen Mary's
SCHOOL

Parents' Curriculum Guide

Year 4

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This booklet is intended to inform you of the topics that will be covered this term. We hope that you will find this information useful and enable you to support your child's learning. We follow the National Curriculum and extend it with enrichment activities both within and outside the classroom.

In Years 1 to 4 we have developed a skills based, theme led curriculum, to provide the girls with contextual learning experiences. We still very much concentrate on academic rigour, whilst ensuring skills progression is delivered in a meaningful way.

English

Ongoing skills include handwriting, punctuation, spelling, grammar and independent and shared reading activities.

Maths

As well as the topic areas listed below, there is an emphasis on mental maths and learning times tables.

Year 4	Summer Term
Subject	Topics
Maths	Consolidating times tables facts. Fractions Decimals Money Time
English	<p><u>Non-fiction</u>: The Shang Dynasty. The children explore the Big Question: Did the Shang Dynasty really exist? They read the interactive eBook, retrieving and collating information about China. They explore historical evidence and timelines, answering questions and considering what information is true and relevant. They answer the Big Question, planning and writing a non-chronological report.</p> <p><u>Grammar</u>: Apostrophes to show possession. Pronouns Plural and possessive 's'. Singular and plural agreement. Standard and non-standard verbs. Using conjunctions.</p>
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer 1- Sound ● Summer 2 - Living things in their habitats Food chains, animal adaptation
History/ Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer 1 - The Shang Dynasty ● Summer 2- Investigating China
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Numbers up to 70 ● Opinions (why & because) ● Sports & Hobbies
IT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer 1- Google Slides ● Summer 2- Coding - Scratch
Art/DT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Art</u> - Chinese portraiture ● <u>DT</u> - Jubilee themed craft and baking. ● Learning about where fabrics come from and experimenting with decorative textile methods.
RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How are important events remembered in ceremonies? ● What words of wisdom can guide us?

<p>PSHE</p>	<p>Physical health and Mental wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care. <p>Growing and Changing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical and emotional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with puberty <p>Keeping safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life.
<p>Music</p>	<p>Year 4 Orchestra</p> <p>Learning pieces with the second finger. Progression to using the third finger for some students</p> <p>Choir - Music for the summer concert</p>