

Year 4 Other Subjects

Science

Biology

Animals and humans

Look at the digestive system in humans.

Look at teeth.

All living things

Look at classification keys.

Look at classification of plants, animals and micro-organisms.

Chemistry

States of matter

Look at solids, liquids and gases, changes of state, evaporation, condensation and the water cycle.

Physics

Sound

Look at sources, vibration, volume and pitch

Electricity

Look at appliances, circuits, lamps, switches, insulators and conductors.

Art & Design

Use experiences, other subjects across the curriculum and ideas as inspiration for artwork.

Develop and share ideas in a sketchbook and in finished products.

Improve mastery of techniques.

Learn about the great artists, architects and designers in history.

Design & Technology

Design

Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups.

Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated sketches, cross-sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer-aided design.

Make

Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks, such as cutting, shaping, joining and finishing, accurately.

Select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities.

Evaluate

Investigate and analyse a range of existing products.

Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.

Technical knowledge

Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.

Understand and use electrical systems in their products, such as series circuits incorporating switches, bulbs, buzzers and motors.

Geography

Identify key geographical features of the countries of the United Kingdom, and show an understanding of how some of these aspects have changed over time.

Understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region or area in a European country.

Describe and understand key aspects of:

- Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the water cycle
- Human geography, including: settlements, land use, economic activity including trade links and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water supplies.

Use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied.

Use the eight points of a compass, four-figure grid references, symbols and keys (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build knowledge of the United Kingdom and the world.

Use a wide range of geographical sources in order to investigate places and patterns.

Use fieldwork to observe, measure and record the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs and digital technologies.

History

Britain's settlement by Anglo Saxons and Scots.

The Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England.

Ancient Greece.

History of interest to pupils

Music

Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using voice and playing instruments with increasing accuracy, control and expression.

Improvise and compose music using the inter-related dimensions of music separately and in combination.

Listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory.

Use and understand the basics of the stave and other musical notations.

Appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music from different traditions and from great musicians and composers.

Develop an understanding of the history of music.

Physical Education

Play competitive games, modified where appropriate, such as football, netball, rounders, cricket, hockey, basketball, badminton and tennis and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending.

Take part in gymnastics activities.

Take part in athletics activities.

Perform dances.

Swimming and water safety: take swimming instruction either in Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2.