

# BRADWELL VILLAGE SCHOOL

## YEAR 4 SUBJECT OVERVIEW FOR THE SPRING TERM 2026

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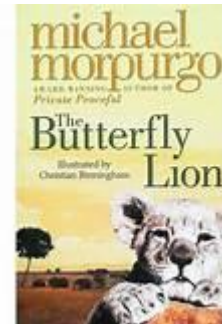
The first term has flown by, and we are now welcoming in the Spring Term and a new year! We will be practising our sewing skills in DT so if you could practise threading a needle and tying a knot over the Christmas break that would be fantastic!



### Subject Overviews

#### English

To begin the term, we are retelling a story, recapping descriptions and looking deeper into how to construct noun phrases to describe in detail before moving onto our poetry unit then a newspaper report. In the second half term, we shall be writing a diary and a biography linked to our DT and Art projects. We will be reading 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo in Guided Reading.



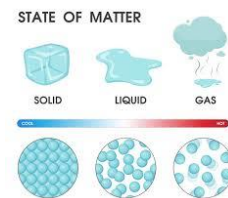
#### Mathematics

We have spent a while developing the children's confidence with the methods of addition, subtraction, division and multiplication so now we will look at how well they apply these to different areas of Maths. We will revisit their arithmetic skills daily to keep these fresh. We urge the practise of times tables at home; this is crucial to the children's progress and to prepare for the multiplication test later in the year.



#### Science

During this term, we continue learning about sound, then move onto states of matter and classification keys.



#### Computing

This term, we will start off recapping how to stay safe on the internet. Then we will look at audio production to create a podcast project finally moving onto improving our coding skills to create shapes.

#### Games/PE

Fitness will be a key focus in PE and Games this term as the children explores ways of getting fit and keeping fit. They will be focusing on hockey, football and tennis and developing the skills needed for those games.



### Music

This term, the children will be learning how to play the glockenspiel or recorder and will use their skills to compose a piece of music. They will also be writing and performing their own rap about bullying.

### French

After learning about weather, travel and sports, French in the Spring Term moves on to description and words about animals and then all about life in school, including the names of the subjects.

### RE/PSHE

RE this term introduces the children to Hinduism and they discuss it in comparison to what they have learnt about Christianity. For PSHE, the children talk about their hopes and dreams, learn how to overcome disappointment and how to develop a positive mindset.



### Foundation subjects:

For **History** we will continue exploring the enquiry question 'Did the Vikings destroy the Anglo-Saxon Britain?'. We will conduct a local history study revolving around the Anglo-Saxons.

In **Geography** the children will conduct an enquiry to prove a hypothesis, gathering data from maps and surveys. Then they will look at the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world.

During **Art** they will learn techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere. Then we will look at the historical and cultural portrayal of animals in art. Studying the visual qualities of animals through sketching, printmaking and clay modelling.

In **Design and Technology**, we will learn about the significant designer William Morris. Then we will learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.

### Homework

We try to set homework which appeals to all children within the Year Group with a variety of academic and creative work so all children can get excited about it. Although homework is optional, we give out spelling practice sheets on a Friday alongside weekly Maths homework. We also urge daily practise of TT rockstars - with extra focus on the 'soundcheck' section to prepare them for their multiplication test later in the year.



### Year 4 Teaching Staff

Mrs Brodie-Shaw (Class Teacher), Mrs Tyler (Class Teacher), Mrs Bedford (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Holgate (Teaching Assistant).