Blackmoor Park Junior School Year 4 Curriculum Overview

Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Focus Texts POR	Ice Palace	Into the Forest Pugs of the frozen North	Journey Queens Nose	Arthur and the Golden Rope	Jemmy Button Iron Man	The Green Ship History of Liverpool non-fiction books
Science	Electricity	Sound	States of Matter	British Science Week	Animals including Humans	Living Things
History	The Roman Republic How did Rome become so powerful?	The Roman Empire What can sources reveal about Roman ways of life?	Roman Britain What changed in Roman Britain?	Christianity in three empires (300-600 CE) How did rulers change Christianity?	Islamic civilisations: Arabia and early Islam Why did Islam spread so far and so fast?	Islamic civilizations: the rise of Islam How did worlds come together in Cordoba?
Geography	Rhine and Mediterranean How are different parts of the Rhine and the Mediterranean used by people?	Population How and why does population distribution vary across Great Britain?	Coastal processes and landforms How does the location of West Wales affect its coast?	Tourism How do tourists interact with a place?	Earthquakes What are the pros and cons of living near a tectonic plate?	Deserts Why are deserts located where they are?
Art and Design	Artist study - Georgia O'Keefe + recreate art in the style of G O'K Nature in art with pastels		Drawing a self-portrait using tone		Printmaking using stencils and monoprint	
Design and Technology		Electrical systems = circuits and switches. Christmas night light. Designer study James Dyson		Structures: Shell structures – make a gift boxes Structure study: Tetra pak		Short DT project: Food and nutrition (baked sugar-free treat) – design own recipe/ taste test.
Music	The orchestra – different types of instrument and how they produce sound	Rapping Melody Recalling the sounds of orchestral instruments	Reading music and playing recorders		Music appreciation: Beatles focus - adding percussion and hearing Indian sounds (sitar)	Take the A train – Listen and perform a jazz piece of music
Computing	The Internet Recognising the internet as a network of networks including the WWW, and why we should evaluate online content.	Audio Editing Capturing and editing audio to produce a podcast, ensuring that copyright is considered.	Repetition in Shapes Using a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes.	Data Logging Recognising how and why data is collected over time, before using data loggers to carry out an investigation.	Photo Editing Manipulating digital images, and reflecting on the impact of changes and whether the required purpose is fulfilled.	Repetition in Games Using a block-based programming language to explore count-controlled and infinite loops when creating a game.
PSHE and RSE	Recycling project Citizenship and world of work Me in the wider world	Persuasion and pressure – anti bullying workshop Rights and responsibilities	Healthy eating Fundraising activities	Emotional health and self-awareness	RSE – puberty; recognising physical and emotional changes Moods Bereavement	Healthy and safe – balanced lifestyle, drug education and smoking Emotional health -social media
RE	Why do some people think that life is like a journey? What significant experiences mark this?		Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?		What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?	
*PE	Indoor – Dodgeball Outdoor - Football	Indoor- Gymnastics Outdoor – Netball	Indoor - Dance Outdoor - Basketball	Indoor - Fitness Outdoor – Tag Rugby	Indoor - OAA Outdoor - Tennis	Indoor – Athletics Outdoor – Rounders
MFL	Places to visit in the town	Christmas songs and traditions	Food and drink revisited focus healthy eating	Members of your family	Hobbies and sport	Weather & revision of the past year
Author focus	Anthony Browne		Dick King-Smith		Ted Hughes	
Enrichment **MIM** = Making It Meaningful	**MIM** – Catalyst Science Museum		**MIM –** Chester Romans Tour		**MIM** – World Museum & Central Library	