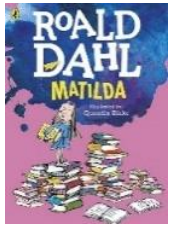
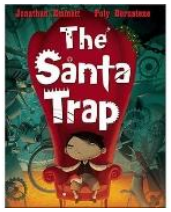
Fairisle Junior School Curriculum Overview – Year 4 2026-2027

Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Hook / Outcome	Matilda Bread	Roman Assembly – Southampton Museums A Roman Portrait Gallery	Bradley Chalker's Desk in the Year 4 classrooms Kennings: Guess Who? Pop-Up Page	Recreating Tutankhamun's Tomb	Romero Britto Art	Beaulieu River
Trips / Visitors		Roman Assembly – Southampton Museums Fishbourne Palace	Vedic Society Hindu Temple Trip		Marwell Zoo Year 4 Fun at Fairisle Fish and Chip Supper	Beaulieu River Canoeing
English	**Key Text:** Matilda  **Writing Outcomes** Character Description: Miss Trunchbull Newspaper Report: Miss Trunchbull is banished from Crunchem Hall Instructional Text: How to get revenge on Miss Trunchbull	**Key Text:** The Santa Trap  **Writing Outcomes** Poetry: Cinquains Persuasive Leaflet: Visiting Fishbourne Palace (Linked to History) Flashback Narrative: The Santa Trap	**Key Text:** There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom **Writing Outcomes** Diary Entry: In role as Bradley Chalkers Informal Sorry Letter: Jeff apologising for his behaviour towards Bradley Poetry: Narrative	**Key Text:** Marcy and Riddle of the Sphinx **Writing Outcomes** Myth Story: Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx Diary Entry: Howard Carter (Linked to History) Information Text: Egyptian Life (Linked to History)	**Key Texts:** Last Bear **Writing Outcomes:** Discursive Text: Should zoos exist? (Linked to PSHE & Geography) Setting Description: The Arctic Circle (linked to The Last Bear) Informal Letter/Postcard: April writes to Granny Apple to tell her about her new life and her friend (the Bear)	**Key Text:** Last Bear **Writing Outcomes:** Portal Story: Pandora's World Explanation Text: How the digestive system works (Linked to Science) Poetry: Free verse
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction	Area, multiplication and division	Multiplication and division, length and perimeter	Fractions and decimals	Decimals, money and time	Shape, statistics, position and direction

Science	**Living Things and Their Habitats** Grouping and classifying animals	**States of Matter** Solids, liquids and gases including The Water Cycle	**Sound** The ear and an exploration of vibrations, volume and pitch	**Electricity** Circuits, conductors and insulators	**Living Things and Their Habitats** Human impact on Habitats	**Animals including Humans** Human teeth and the Digestive System Food chains
Computing	**Computing systems and networks** The Internet **Online Safety** Online identity – how to interact positively online	**Creating Media** Audio production **Online Safety** Anti-bullying – how bullying can happen on different digital devices	**Programming** Repetition in shapes **Online Safety** Safe and responsible use of AI and Safer Internet Day	**Data and Information** Data logging **Online Safety** Scams	**Creating Media** Photo editing **Online Safety** Online relationships – what is and is not appropriate to share online and how this can impact people	**Programming** Repetition in games **Online Safety** Digital wellbeing – the impact of spending too long online
D.T./Art	**D.T.: Cooking and Nutrition** Bread making	**Art: Drawing** Roman portraits, legacy of artwork, creating own portrait using scale and proportion accurately, using a range of shading techniques to create tone and texture so that drawings are realistic, light to create depth **Artist Focus:** Roman Portraits	**D.T.: Pop-Up Page** Researching & developing an innovative, functional & appealing product aimed at a particular audience, selecting materials due to functional & aesthetic qualities & evaluate	**Art: Sculpture (Clay), Canopic Jars** Using clay techniques to create a Canopic Jar, building a jar from coiled clay, joining using scoring, cross-hatching and slip, cutting and shaping clay to represent an Egyptian God, selecting appropriate colours to paint **Artist Focus:** Ancient Egyptian Canopic Jars	**Art: Abstract Animal Painting** Bright and bold animal print using a range of painting techniques, imitating Romeo Britto's style, close observation of animal prints **Artist Focus:** Romero Britto	**D.T.: Fans** Understand and use electrical systems in their products (for example, series circuits incorporating switches and motors)
History/ Geography	**History** Understanding 'history, historians and archaeologists', understanding chronology and exploring legacy	**History** Locating where the Roman Empire was located, Chronological understanding of The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain ***Fishbourne Palace***	**Geography** Europe Physical and human features, map work – locating countries and cities	**History** Understanding achievements of early civilisations, where and when they lived, their legacies, Geographical features of The River Nile, trade and settlement	**Geography** Earthquakes, comparing the UK and North America	**Geography** Features of rivers, comparing rivers of Europe and South America ***Beaulieu River Trip***

P.S.H.E./ Safeguarding/ S.R.E.	**Black History Month** Segregation and Rosa Parks **Keeping Safe** Abuse – the four different types, and what to do if worried about themselves or someone else	**Anti-Bullying Week** The impact of bullying on the victim, the role of a bystander and the importance of reporting bullying **S.R.E. - Periods** What puberty and periods are, different period products and feelings associated with growing up	**LGBTQ+** Families (same sex parents, changes & bereavement) **Bereavement and Loss** Understanding what grief is and the people grieve in different ways	**Mental Health** What mental health is and how to look after mental health **Friendship** What it means to be a friend and what a positive friendship should feel like	**Conservation** The environment and conservation **First Aid** How to report an emergency quickly and accurately, how to call the emergency services and strategies to remain calm	**Managing Money** Budgeting **Being Healthy** What makes a healthy lifestyle, the negative effects of excessive alcohol consumption, smoking and vaping **Being Safe in the Community** Dangers around roads and how to keep safe
Music	**Discover the Music**	**Discover the Music**	**Discover the Music**	**Discover the Music**	**Discover the Music**	**Discover the Music**
Spanish	**I am Learning Spanish** (Locating Spain on a map. How are you? What's your name?) **Presenting Myself** (How old are you? Where do you live? What is your nationality?)	***Revision of Learning: Colours*** **Numbers to 31**	***Revision of Learning: Transport*** **Days of the Week and Months of the Year**	***Revision of Learning: Seasons*** **Date** (Days of the Week, Months of the Year, Numbers 1-31. What's the date? When is your birthday?)		***Revision of Learning: Ice Creams*** **Weather** (What's the Weather Like?)
R.E.	**Concept:** Community **Religion:** Christianity **Teaching Point:** Churches ✝	**Concept:** Good Vs Evil **Religion:** Hinduism **Teaching Point:** Diwali ॐ	**Concept:** Devotion **Religion:** Hinduism **Teaching Point:** Mahashivratri ॐ ***Temple Visit***	**Concept:** Ritual **Religion:** Christianity **Teaching Point:** Paschal Candle ✝	**Concept:** Forgiveness ✝ **Religion:** ॐ Christianity/Hinduism/ Judaism ✡ **Teaching Point:** Stories of forgiveness	**Concept:** Protection **Religion:** Hinduism **Teaching Point:** Raksha Bandham ॐ
P.E.	**Gymnastics** **Invasion Games (Shooting)**	**Dance** **Health & Fitness**	**Gymnastics** **OAA**	**Dance** **Invasion Games (Basketball – Sending & Receiving)**	**Athletics**	**Striking & Fielding (Striking Skills)** **Net & Wall Games (Badminton)**