Year 4	Spring 1	Spring 2
Theme	Ancient Islamic Civilisation	Our City - Birmingham
Reading Author for the half term	Holly Black	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Poet for the half term	Grace Nichols – Sun Time, Snow Time	Alan Ahlberg – Teacher's Prayer Heard it in the Playground
English Key genres for writing	Non Chronological report on the impact of ancient Islamic civilisation on modern day society Fantasy story based on Spiderwick chronicles – writing the next chapter Biography of Mozart	Explanation text – Water cycle Informal letter to a friend from Damian/Anthony about what they should do with the money Poetry – writing own canal poem
Maths linked to topic	Timeline	Map work Coordinates Bar charts and pictograms
Maths	Place value and counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measures- time, fractions and decimals.	
Humanities	A study of a non-European society that provides contrasts with British history - early Islamic civilization When it started Where it was Who were the leaders Key events that made this civilisation important. Impact on today's society	Mapping the local area A study of our local area within half a mile of our school and Birmingham city centre using OS maps and Google Earth. Symbols on OS maps. Be able to locate Handsworth and Dawson Road using an A to Z, using a grid reference.

		Comparing and contrasting land use and redevelopment of land around Birmingham.
Art and design	Islamic Art.	Urban Art
	Study of Islamic geometric patterns	Water colour paintings of cityscapes
		Canals of Birmingham
Science		States of matter
		Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
		Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)
		Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.
Design Technology		A study of Leonardo da Vinci and his lock gate technology.
Computing	Programming using Scratch	Online safety
		I connect- Icompute Understanding of computer networks including the internet
RE/PHSE	Study of Islam today, beliefs and traditions	Study of Christianity today, beliefs and traditions

	Dispositions	Dispositions
	Being thankful	Being thankful
	Being regardful of suffering	Being regardful of suffering
	Being merciful and forgiving	Being merciful and forgiving
	Caring for others	Caring for others
	Being fair and just	Being fair and just
	Being temperate	Being temperate
	Participating and willing to lead	Participating and willing to lead
	Being loyal and steadfast	Being loyal and steadfast
	Being curious and valuing knowledge	Being curious and valuing knowledge
PE	Tri Golf 4Y	Football – all classes
	Gymnastics 4G	
	Dance 4R	
Music	Musical history:	Appreciate and understand music drawn from different
	The classical period – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Horn Concerto No. 4 (3rd movement)	traditions and musicians
		Soweto Kinch local jazz musician
		Louis Armstrong
MFL	All about ourselves	Where in the world?
French		
Educational visits / visitors	Visit to Birchfield Mosque	The Brighouse Residential Visit
	Mathematics Trail in the City Centre	
Parental		
workshops		