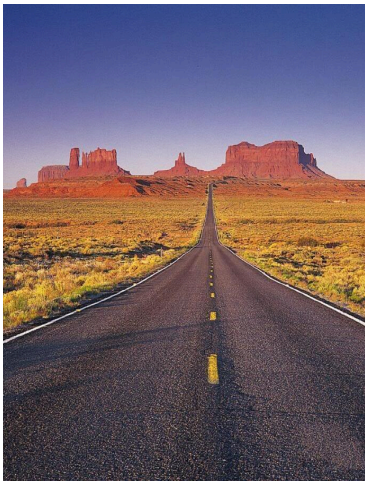
Year 4 Autumn 2 Overview

Subject	Focus
English	**Class reading book** – Song of the Dolphin Boy by Elizabeth Laird Continued **Writing genres** – Character description, narrative diary writing and poetry. **SPaG** – Use commas after fronted adverbials; punctuate speech accurately with inverted commas, commas and capital letters (eg The conductor shouted, "Sit down!"); expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases.
Maths	**Multiplication and Division:** To explore how to recognise if a number is a multiple of 3. Recall multiplication table facts for the 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12-times tables including related division facts (inverse operations). Multiply by 1 and 0. Divide a number by 1 and itself. Multiply three numbers together. Learn times tables. **Measurement:** To understand that area is the space taken up by a two-dimensional shape or surface, and measure it by practically counting the number of squares inside a shape to find its area. Make rectilinear shapes using a given number of squares. Compare the areas of rectilinear shapes where the same size square has been used.
Science	**Electricity:** Make simple circuits, investigate conductors and insulators.
Computing	**Digital Literacy:** Research about a Native American, the real Pocahontas, using the internet safely to create a digital presentation.
Geography	**California:** Are Californians living the dream? Use atlases to locate and label the countries, capital cities and major cities of North America. Identify key physical and human characteristics of California. Explore and compare the key characteristics of four different environmental regions (desert, valley, mountain and coastal).
Design and Technology	**Nightlight:** Design and make a 3D model of a children's night light with an electric circuit.
Physical Education	Swimming **Indoor Games**: Handball skills.
RSHE	Respect, friends, when friendship goes wrong. . Having a healthy relationship with food. Anti-bulling week
French	My family. Christmas in France.
Music	Using our skills of reading music notation to play recorder. We will be building on previous skills to learn well known Christmas songs. We will take our recorders home regularly so that you can hear our skills.



Key Vocabulary

Geographical features
Population
City
Landmarks
USA
North America
Human geography
Physical geography
Climate
Desert
Valley
Mountains
Coastal
Electricity
Circuit

RE – Trust in God

The children will learn about Jesus' teaching and the importance of trusting in him. They will learn that it is not always easy to trust in God (e.g. Zechariah).

They will learn about the promise God made to Mary through the angel Gabriel and learn how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him.

The children will have a chance to deepen their awareness of God's love for us and know that he asks us to trust in him. They will reflect on the times it is difficult to trust and on the importance of keeping promises. The children will reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God and experience a celebration of the Nativity.

At home you could help your children by:
• making an Advent calendar with them