YEAR 4 — PSHE MEDIUM-TERM OVERVIEW

Term	Topic	In this unit of work, students learn...	Lesson overviews/Teacher notes / resources (See regularly-updated pdf. version on the PSHE Association website for the latest Quality Assured resources)
Autumn — Relationships	**Families and friendships** Positive friendships, including online PoS Refs: R10, R11, R12, R13, R18	• about the features of positive healthy friendships such as mutual respect, trust and sharing interests • strategies to build positive friendships • how to seek support with relationships if they feel lonely or excluded • how to communicate respectfully with friends when using digital devices • how knowing someone online differs from knowing someone face to face and that there are risks in communicating with someone they don't know • what to do or whom to tell if they are worried about any contact online	
	Safe relationships Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online PoS Refs: R20, R23, R27, R28	• to differentiate between playful teasing, hurtful behaviour and bullying, including online • how to respond if they witness or experience hurtful behaviour or bullying, including online • recognise the difference between 'playful dares' and dares which put someone under pressure, at risk, or make them feel uncomfortable • how to manage pressures associated with dares • when it is right to keep or break a confidence or share a secret • how to recognise risks online such as harmful content or contact • how people may behave differently online including pretending to be someone they are not • how to report concerns and seek help if worried or uncomfortable about someone's behaviour, including online	
	Respecting ourselves and others	• to recognise differences between people such as gender, race, faith	

	Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively PoS Refs: R32, R33	• to recognise what they have in common with others e.g. shared values, likes and dislikes, aspirations • about the importance of respecting the differences and similarities between people • a vocabulary to sensitively discuss difference and include everyone	
Spring — Living in the wider world	**Belonging to a community** What makes a community; shared responsibilities PoS Refs: L4, L6, L7	• the meaning and benefits of living in a community • to recognise that they belong to different communities as well as the school community • about the different groups that make up and contribute to a community • about the individuals and groups that help the local community, including through volunteering and work • how to show compassion towards others in need and the shared responsibilities of caring for them	
	Media literacy and Digital resilience How data is shared and used PoS Refs: L13, L14	• that everything shared online has a digital footprint • that organisations can use personal information to encourage people to buy things • to recognise what online adverts look like • to compare content shared for factual purposes and for advertising • why people might choose to buy or not buy something online e.g. from seeing an advert • that search results are ordered based on the popularity of the website and that this can affect what information people access	
	Money and Work Making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe PoS Refs: L17, L19 L20, L21	• how people make different spending decisions based on their budget, values and needs • how to keep track of money and why it is important to know how much is being spent • about different ways to pay for things such as cash, cards, e-payment and the reasons for using them • that how people spend money can have positive or negative effects on others e.g. charities, single use plastics	
Summer — Health and	**Physical health and Mental wellbeing** Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care	• to identify a wide range of factors that maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle, physically and mentally • what good physical health means and how to recognise early signs of physical illness	

PoS Refs: H2, H5, H11	• that common illnesses can be quickly and easily treated with the right care e.g. visiting the doctor when necessary • how to maintain oral hygiene and dental health, including how to brush and floss correctly • the importance of regular visits to the dentist and the effects of different foods, drinks and substances on dental health	
Growing and changing Personal hygiene routines PoS Refs: H30, H31, H32, H34	• how to identify external genitalia and reproductive organs • key facts about the menstrual cycle and menstrual wellbeing, erections and wet dreams • strategies to manage the changes during puberty including menstruation • the importance of personal hygiene routines during puberty including washing regularly and using deodorant	NOTE: Identifying external genitalia and reproductive organs will be taught in science when learning about reproduction in mammals. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TAUGHT IN YEAR 4 Puberty including menstruation will be taught in Year 5 as part of Science and PSHE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TAUGHT IN YEAR 4 The focus for Year 4 will be maintaining good personal hygiene
Keeping safe Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life PoS Refs: H10, H38, H40, H46	• the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely • to recognise what is meant by a 'drug' • that drugs common to everyday life (e.g. cigarettes, e-cigarettes/vaping, alcohol and medicines) can affect health and wellbeing • to identify some of the effects related to different drugs and that all drugs, including medicines, may have side effects • to identify some of the risks associated with drugs common to everyday life • that for some people using drugs can become a habit which is difficult to break • how to ask for help or advice	