



Year 4 CURRICULUM LETTER

Summer 2 Term 2026

Staff:

4A – Mr Upton, Mrs Wild & Mrs Desai

4B – Mr Chagas, Mrs Desai & Mrs Nanawatty

During PPA time, Junior Jam will cover the subject areas of PE, Spanish, Music and Computing.

If you wish to contact any member of staff, please send a message via Dojo. Alternatively, you can contact the office to arrange a call back, 01772 794482.

Key information:

PE will be on Monday and Tuesday this half term. Children must have a full school PE kit in school, including black pumps or trainers. Children should come to school in their school uniform and change into their PE kits at school. Please see the link below for information about school uniforms.

<https://stmatthewspreston.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Homework– we expect that all children read daily with an adult, as well as learning their spellings and Maths facts. Homework will be put on Dojo each week.

Water bottles– please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a water bottle, no juice.

English



This half term in English we will be looking at Folk Tales. We look at various stories about 'Brer Rabbit', a character in folktales of African, African-American, and Native American Culture. The main focus of this unit is to consolidate all the skills they have learnt in Year 4.



The children will use fronted adverbials, adverb starters, complex sentences with adverb starters, noun phrases, expanded phrases as well as more challenging vocabulary. They will also show how they can use all punctuation correctly.

Maths

For Maths learning this term, we will learn about time. This will include years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds. Children will convert between analogue and digital time, followed by the 12 and 24-hour clock. Finally, children will learn all about shape. We will learn about different angles and identify lines of symmetry within shapes.



Religious Education

This half term we will be thinking about "What is Prayer". Our main questions will be: "how do people pray, when do people pray, why do people pray and where do people pray"? We will look at the Bible to see what we can learn from Jesus about prayer as well as looking at how other faiths pray.



Science

In Science this half term we will be looking at the topic 'States of Matter'. This means that the children will study solids, liquids and gases. They will begin by acting out the structures of the particles to gain understanding of how they are formed. Children will also learn all about the water cycle.

Geography

We will be looking at rivers this half term. The children will be taught about the water cycle, rivers of the world, uses of rivers, the stages and features of a river, the effect of human activity on rivers and flooding. We will use maps both on the computer and from atlases. The children will use the terms human, physical and location.



Science



This term we are learning about sound through practical activities and experiments. The children will learn how sounds are made, recognise vibrations travel through a medium to the ear, find patterns between pitch and the strength of sound, find patterns between volume and



strength of vibrations that produced it and recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

Personal, Social, Health Education

We will continue with our 'Kidsafe' work. The purpose of the Kidsafe programme is to develop your child's ability to recognise unsafe situations and to act to help protect themselves. This includes identifying what bullying is and what we can do about it and recognising dangers online and how we can keep ourselves safe.



DT

The children will be making book covers using textiles and stitching. They will identify the features, benefits and disadvantages of a range of fastening types. Then they will write a design criteria and design a sleeve that satisfies the criteria. Next, they will make a template for their book sleeve and assemble their case using any stitch they are comfortable with.



Junior Jam

The subjects taught by Junior Jam will be:

Music- Boomwhackers

Computing-iOffice

PE- Athletics

Spanish- Holidays and activities

READING

Please read with your child daily. It doesn't need to be the whole book, 5 to 10 minutes is sufficient. Please sign the reading diary, this lets the teacher know they have been heard at home. We encourage children to read and reread books to become fluent. Parents who support their child with reading at home make more accelerated progress at school.

Ensure reading books are kept in your child's red reading bags, so we can listen to them read in class daily.

There will be a charge of £10.00 for any lost or damaged reading books.