



Year 4 CURRICULUM LETTER

Autumn 2024

Staff:

4CH- Mr Chagas, Miss Richardson.

4C- Mrs Copeland, Mrs Mastan and Miss Ormson.

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.

Key information:

PE- PE will be on Tuesday this half term. Children must have a full school PE kit on, including black pumps or trainers. On all other days, children must wear a full school uniform. Please see the link below for information about school uniforms.

<https://st-matthewscofe.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

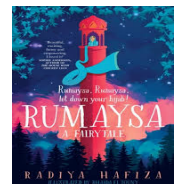
Homework- we expect that all children read daily with an adult as well as learning their spellings and practising their times tables on TTRS. Homework will be put on Dojo each week.

Water bottles- please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a water bottle.

Reading books and diaries- must be brought to school every day.

English

Our English this term will be based around a fairy tale called Rumaysa. The children will learn about the structure and features of fairy tales. We will then move onto newspaper reports and their structures and features. In grammar they will look at fronted adverbials for where, inverted commas, commas for clauses,



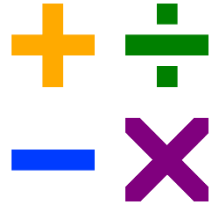


pronouns and noun phrases. Children will continue to get weekly spellings which we expect them to practise at home on a daily basis.

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will be consolidating a variety of skills using an approach in which the children will learn and practise key skills before applying them into problem solving and reasoning. The following skills will be covered this half term:

- Calculate area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares
- To learn multiplication facts for 3, 6, 9, 12 times table
- To look at relationships between these multiplication facts
- To apply their knowledge of these multiplication facts to solve one and two step problems
- To continue to practise quick recall of all times tables



Religious Education

In RE this half term we will be looking at a Christmas unit in which we will explore the symbolism of light at this time of year. We will create poems, songs and drama during this unit. It will begin by looking at light from a Christian perspective followed by looking at the festival of Hanukkah, which is a Jewish festival. The question for this half term is 'Why is Jesus called the light of the world?'

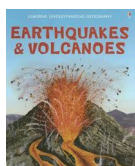


Science

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.



Geography



In Geography the children will be studying earthquakes and volcanoes. They will learn about the structure of the earth, tectonic plates, the features of a volcano,

"Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be..."



where famous earthquakes and volcanoes have taken place and the effects on the human and physical geography of the areas.

Personal, Social, Health Education

This half term children will be learning all about the brain. The unit will teach children all about the brain and give them an understanding of how they can look after their minds. They will learn about some of the key parts of the brain and understand what their basic functions are.

Art

In art the children will be exploring how different materials can be shaped and joined. They will be learning about techniques used by artists as diverse as Barbara Hepworth and Sokari Douglas-Camp. The children will create their own sculptures.



PE

This half term, children in both classes will have their first block of swimming lessons. Children will go swimming every day for two weeks. Please see the swimming letter for more specific information.



4C- Children in 4C will also have PE on a Tuesday with Junior Jam staff. By the end of the unit pupils will be able demonstrate the basic skills used in dodgeball and incorporate them into a game scenario. These skills include over and underarm throwing, catching using the correct technique and using their agility, balance, and speed to dodge. Pupils will also practise effective team working in a number different game scenarios.

Junior Jam

Spanish – The pupils will be able to match the numbers, colours, and animals to their written words, and learn to recognise and answer some question words. Pupils will gain an understanding of more phonemes and graphemes.



Music- Pupils will understand how scales are constructed and will have begun to learn how to read stave notation, by visually



identifying the notes C, D and E on the treble clef staff. Pupils will gain confidence in performing their own rhythmic and melodic ideas. Pupils will begin to understand expression within music and how indicative musical features can reflect emotion.

Computing- Pupils will learn how to understand each function and if they combine many of the functions, they can create a bigger, more powerful algorithm for many uses. They will learn about different types of functions and their role in an algorithm.

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.

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

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW NUTS IN PACKED LUNCHES AS WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES.