



## Year 4 CURRICULUM LETTER

### Spring 1 2025

#### Staff:

4CH- Mr Chagas (teacher), Miss Richardson.

4C- Mrs Copeland (teacher), Mrs Mastan and Mrs 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 Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can contact the office to arrange a call back.

#### Key information:

PE- PE will be on Tuesday this half term for **4CH. CHILDREN WILL BE GETTING CHANGED AT SCHOOL AND WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR PE KIT WITH THEM.**

Children must have a full school PE kit, including black pumps or trainers. Please see the link below for information about school uniforms.

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

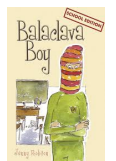
Homework- we expect that all children read daily with an adult as well as learning their spellings and practising their times tables on TTRS. Homework will be put on Class Dojo each week.

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

This half term in English we will be looking at stories that have Issues and Dilemmas. Our main focus for writing will be on the story 'Balaclava Boy'. The children will write an alternative version of this story with their own innovative ideas. They will also try to use new grammar skills such as adverb starters, paragraphs and speech. Following on from this we will look at





persuasive writing and the key techniques needed to make it persuasive. We will continue to practice spellings from the year 3/4 statutory lists.

### Maths



This half term in maths the children will be focusing on multiplication and division. They will learn about factor pairs, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 as well as multiplying and dividing a 3 digit number by 1 digit. They will then move onto looking at perimeter and the units associated with this. Throughout the term we will also be focusing on quick recall of times tables in preparation for their Times Table check in June.

### Religious Education

In RE this half term, the unit is called 'Jesus the Son of God'. We will explore some of the miracles he undertook and the impact they have on others' lives. We will discuss what people thought of Jesus and the authority he has within the Christian religion. The thoughts and feelings of others about Jesus will be explored in many ways such as diary entries and art.



### History

In History we will be looking at the Vikings; this work follows on from our previous history unit on the Anglo-Saxons. The children will focus on 'who were the Anglo-Saxons' and 'why did they invade Britain', 'who were the Vikings' and 'why did they have a reputation of being fierce raiders', 'who were the famous Anglo-Saxon Kings', 'how important was the Norman Conquest in 1066' and 'what was the long term impact of the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons on our lives today'.



### Personal, Social, Health Education



We will continue to use My Happy Minds and this half term we will focus on the unit called CELEBRATE. The children will discover that we all have different character strengths and these are to be celebrated. They will focus on love and kindness, bravery and honesty, exploring and learning, teamwork and friendship and love of life and our world.

### Art

Our unit in art is called Light and Dark. The children will learn how to darken or lighten a colour when mixing paint, how to create tint and shade of a colour, use tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect when painting, explore how paint can create very different





effects, consider proportion and composition when planning a still life painting and apply knowledge of colour mixing and painting techniques to create a finished piece.

## Design and Technology



The children will be designing and making a working fan boat. They will look at what a fan boat is and how it works and think about what the best shapes are for a boat to be made from. They will then make prototypes and test them out so they can adapt their designs before making their final boat. The children will also make electric circuits so the boats

will move.

## Junior Jam

**Spanish** – Children will revise previously learnt food vocabulary as well as learn new foods. Children will also revise and learn new opinion phrases as well as adjectives to describe food and justify their opinions. Children will practise their speaking skills through role-playing, ordering at an ice-cream shop as well as buying food at a market. Children will learn how to say, "I would like" and review the grammar rule of noun adjective agreement. Children will improve their comprehension skills by listening to stories in the target language.



**Music**– The children will be listening to music from Brazil, Indonesia, India, Punjab and Trinidad. They will be learning to sing in rounds and use harmony as well as composing their own pieces of music and performing them using various instruments.



**Computing**– The children will be building on their word processing skills using iOffice and will learn more advanced functions. At the end of the course, pupils will learn how to present their work creating a keynote presentation collating all the work they have done throughout the half term.

**PE** – The children will be playing basketball this half term. They will be taught how to run and jump when shooting and to evade other players. They will run when dribbling with the ball and to get into space. They will also have to throw the ball to their teammates when passing and catch the ball when receiving.





## 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.

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