



## Y5 CURRICULUM LETTER

### SPRING 1 2025

#### Staff:

*Mrs Bryden, Miss Brennand and Miss Mughal teach Year 5 and are supported by our wonderful Learning Support Assistants, Miss Harrison and Mrs Farnworth.*

*Mrs Hussain, Mrs Riley and Mrs Baig support children with additional needs.*

*PPA will be covered on a Tuesday by Junior Jam who will teach music, computing, Spanish and PE to the children.*

#### Key information:

**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 Dojo each week.

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

**PE** – Tuesdays (5B only this half term) and Fridays

**Library day** – Fridays

**Reading** books and diaries to be brought to school **daily** and read at home with **a parent/carer signing** the reading diary at least twice a week.

Mrs Bryden is in class Monday, Tuesday and part of Wednesday morning. Miss Brennand takes over the rest of Wednesday and Thursday and Friday.



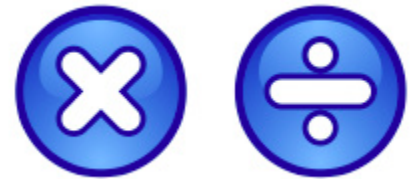
## English

In English this half term, we will be writing a science fiction narrative based all around time travel. Children will be creating their own characters, settings, futuristic devices and plot to write a story for children of a similar age range. We will be looking at incorporating a mixture of grammar features within our piece of writing, such as fronted adverbials of time and place, noun phrases and expanded noun phrases! Children will be exploring a range of science fiction texts and clips to help immerse themselves into the world of the future!

Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

## Maths

We will focus upon the following areas and objectives this half term:



### Multiplication and division – number

Multiplying a number up to 4 digits by a 1- or 2- digit number.

Dividing a number up to 4 digits by a 1-digit number.

Interpreting remainders.

Solving problems involving multiplication, division and remainders.

### Perimeter and area

Working out the perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and polygons.

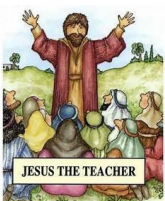
Working out the area of rectangles and of compound shapes

Estimating area

Our maths target for this half term is to be able to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000. Please support your child with this at home.

**Many children still do not know their times tables off by heart – it is essential that these are practised at home for instant recall.**

## RE



In R.E., we will focus upon Jesus the teacher.

We believe that Jesus was a great teacher and we will explore which teaching methods Jesus used. Jesus used things that were familiar to the people to illustrate his teaching, e.g. sheep, shepherding, baking bread and building houses etc.



We will consider carefully the messages of the parables, how they impact on the lives of practising Christians and discuss Jesus' teaching content and methods. We will be reading parables new to the children and unpacking the imagery that Jesus gives us of the Kingdom of God.

### **Science**

In Science, we are investigating how forces work in real life. We will be exploring how gravity and air resistance have an effect on falling objects and how friction generates energy and how it can slow objects down. We will also investigate the effects of water resistance as well as how mechanisms such as gears, levers and pulleys work.

We will be carrying out engaging investigations to test our hypotheses and focus on different scientific enquiries so that we think and work like scientists, by ensuring that we are engaging in fair testing.

### **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.



### **Physical Education**

P.E. is on Tuesday (5B only) and Friday afternoons.

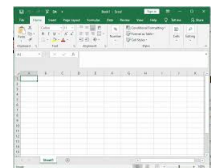
On a Friday afternoon, we will be looking at Gymnastics. Firstly, we will be looking at rolling and developing these into a variety of more advanced rolling movements. In addition to this, we will be exploring a range of movements and ways to travel on hands and feet. From this, we will explore how to apply these movements to create advanced transitions in our sequences.

Please ensure earrings are removed, and any long hair tied back.

### **Junior Jam:**

#### **Computing**

This half term we will be using iCompany which is a spreadsheet-based course. The children will learn how to create formulas and find totals. We will learn how to create charts using both existing data and data we have inputted ourselves. We will be taught how filter buttons can aid us in looking through spreadsheets, and how to use data to budget. We will be expected to be using terminology to suit the program such as





workbook and spreadsheet. At the end of the course, we will compile our data into a keynote presentation and present the movie we wish to make.

### Spanish



During the next six weeks with Junior Jam, the children will be learning the vocabulary for a range of sports and the correct verb to use for the sports they play. Children will be learning how to state their preferences and justify their opinions using a range of adjectives. Finally, pupils will reinforce their knowledge of the days of the week and learn different time and frequency phrases to express when or how often they do something in the context of sports.

### Music



Junior Jam will be delivering music this half term. The children will be listening to music from Nigeria, Brazil, South Africa, 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.

### PE

Our Basketball lessons this half term will teach the techniques such as dribbling, passing, ball control and shooting. The children will be encouraged to practise the different types of passes, such as chest, shoulder and overhead passes. They will not only learn about the game as a whole, but also gain an understanding of basic rules, teamwork and good sportsmanship.



### 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.**