



**WITHAM**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Year 4 Curriculum Letter



## Spring Term 2023

### Year 4

**PE** - This year the children will have PE on **Wednesday and Thursday**.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE t-shirt and shorts. As the weather gets colder, they can wear plain, dark coloured leggings or joggers and a sweatshirt. All earrings must be removed or covered.

#### Mathematics

In maths we will be following the Power Maths and White Rose schemes of learning.

Our focus in maths will be fractions and decimals.

This module we will be focusing on the 7, 9 and 12 times tables.

In June your child will be taking a times table test. It is important that your child is accessing Times Table Rock Stars to practice their times tables.

#### How can you support your child?

Access Times Table Rock Stars.

Sing the role counting times tables songs. Please ask Miss Spence or Mr Kenny if you would like the lyrics to these.

Play times table ping pong (This is our favourite game in Year 4!)

#### English

In our writing we will be reading the story Lights on Cotton Rock to inspire our writing. We will be creating setting descriptions, character descriptions and using speech to develop our narratives. We will also be looking at the features of a letter and writing our own letters to the characters in the story.

In reading we will be reading poetry and using drama to prepare poems to read aloud and perform.

Our whole class text this module is *The Land of Roar*.

#### How can you support your child?

Ensure your child is accessing spelling shed weekly. New spellings are added every Friday.

Read with your child, this could be a book that you have at home or their reading for pleasure book.

#### Wider Curriculum

In Science we will be looking at the States of matter (chemistry). We will learn the difference between a solid, liquid and gas. We will also investigate the effects of heating and cooling certain materials.

In Geography we will be focusing our learning around rivers and the water cycle. We will explore the main physical features of a river, looking closely at the River Witham, but we will also locate and name many other rivers in the United Kingdom.

In PSHE we will learn about belonging to a community. We will look at the meaning and benefits to living in a community. We will explore the different communities we might belong to, as well as our school community.

In RE we will be learning about Christianity. Our learning will focus around 2 questions. *How is Christian belief expressed collectively?* And *How does Christian worship and celebration build a sense of community?* We will explore the beliefs of some Christians during this module and make comparisons to the beliefs of other individuals belonging to a different faith.

The happiness and well-being of your child is most important to us and we can achieve this through our partnership with you. If you have any small concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or phase leader.

#### Attendance Matters

The school gates open from 8.30am and the school doors open at 8:40am with the school day starting promptly at 8.45 am. School gates close at 8:50am and any child arriving after this time will be deemed as late unless prior arrangements having been agreed.