



Curriculum Letter

YEAR 4

Half Term	Spring 1
Teachers	Mr Robinson and Miss Kemshell

Middleton St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

This curriculum letter keeps you informed about what your child will be learning this half term.

If you have any questions about what your child is learning or you would like to look at their work, you are very welcome to come into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

Theme Title	Burps, bottoms and bile
Maths	This half term we will be looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication using written method • Division using written method • Area of rectilinear shapes • Fractions
English	Our main focus in English this half term will be character descriptions, diaries, persuasive letters and non-chronological reports. For our writing, we will be looking at the book <i>Alex Sparrow and the really big stink</i> by Jennifer Killik.
Topic Work	This half term, we will be looking at 'Mountains' in Geography. We will be looking at famous mountain ranges across the globe, maps, and how tourism affects the mountains.
Science and Computing	This half term's theme is 'Burps, bottom and bile' in which we'll learn all about the body, digestive system and muscles. This will be linked to our Science topic based around animals and their habitats. Our activities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making poo. • Making working muscle models • Creating a large scale digestive system • Understanding the importance of keeping our teeth healthy • Understand the water cycle
Religious Education	This term Year 4 are looking at the question 'What faiths make up our community?' This will involve learning about our local community, the places of worship in our community and different religions within our community.
PSHE	This half-term children will be finding out about democracy and how they live in a democratic country. This will involve learning about laws and the consequences they may have. Children will also discover the role of the local council and how it supports the local community.
PE	Unit 4: Striking and Fielding Games

Elm and Rowan will have PE now on Wednesdays, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (pumps/trainers and shorts). Rowan will be going swimming for Autumn 1, 2 and Spring 1 on Thursday afternoons, Elm will go Spring 2, Summer 1 and 2. Please ensure that they have sensible shorts/swimming costume/goggles and a towels in a named carrier bag each Thursday from week 2. Spellings will be given out and tested on Mondays.

Please turn over to see how you can help your child at home this half term...

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Maths

Times tables 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s and 11s	Using column method to multiply a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number.
Using bus stop method to divide a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number.	Using multiplication and times tables skills to be able to work out the area of rectilinear shapes.

English

Read every day. Remember you can also write down things that you read at home such as books or magazines.
During and after reading discuss the text and ask questions about what has happened or will happen starting with: Who...? What...? Where...? Why...? When...? How...?
Ensure that you are consistently using capital letter for the start of sentences and for proper nouns.
Use a variety of exciting adjectives to describe nouns. Try to make sure you use the most exciting adjectives you can and stay away from boring adjectives such as 'big', 'nice', 'good'.