Princess May Primary School

YEAR 4 — CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2026–2027

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT — R.E.D
Throughout the year, we learn how to flourish as individuals by exploring, reflecting on and developing our school values: Respect; Empathy; Determination (R.E.D)

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS
Black History Month, Anti-Bullying Week, Interfaith Week, World Book Day, International Women's Day, Mental Health Awareness Week

ORACY
Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language, including debate. At Princess May we provide a high-quality oracy education by explicitly teaching children through talk and to talk. We focus on teaching the following skills across the curriculum areas:

Physical: With guidance, use posture and gesture to engage an audience. Understand importance of tone of voice and projection
Linguistic: Choose an appropriate sentence stem. Use taught vocabulary accurately in discussions
Cognitive: Explain reasoning using a range of conjunctions e.g. because, but, so. Ask relevant questions and summarise the answer
Social & Emotional: Demonstrate active listening by responding to the speaker. Manage a talk task independently e.g. chaired discussion

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Reading (Destination Reader)	An individual strategy is taught weekly: The undefeated by Kwame Alexander	An individual strategy is taught weekly: The Humans by Jonny Marx and Charlie Davis	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Varjak Paw by S. F. Said	An individual strategy is taught weekly: The Polar Bear Explorers' Club by Alex Bell	An individual strategy is taught weekly: Viking Voyages by Jack Tite	An individual strategy is taught weekly: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis
Writing (Literacy Tree)	The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and Laura Carlin	Winter's Child by Angela McAllister and Grahame Smith	FArTHER by Grahame Baker Smith	Shackleton's Journey by William Grill	Riddle of the Runes by Janina Ramirez	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis
Maths (MyMastery)	Reasoning with large numbers. Addition and Subtraction.	Multiplication and division. Discrete and continuous data.	Calculating with multiplication and division. Fractions. Time.	Decimals. Area and Perimeter	Solving measures and money problems. Shape and symmetry.	Position and direction. Reasoning with patterns and sequences. 3-D shape.
Science (Kapow)	**Animals, including humans** Digestion and Food	**Energy** Electricity and Circuits	**Materials** States of Matter	**Energy** Sound and Vibrations	**Living things** Classification and changing habitats	**Making Connections** How does the flow of liquids compare?
Humanities (Kapow)	**History:** How have children's lives changed?	**History:** What changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion?	**Geography:** Where does our food come from?	**Geography:** Why are rainforests important to us?	**History:** How did the achievements of the ancient Maya impact their society and beyond?	**Geography:** What are rivers and how are they used?
Computing (Kapow)	**Programming 1** Further coding with Scratch	**Computing systems** Connecting networks	**Programming 2** Computational thinking	**Computing systems** Managing digital information	**Creating media** Creating digital images	**Online safety** Connecting safely online
Art and DT (Kapow)	**Art:** Drawing: Power prints	**DT:** Mechanisms: Mechanical cars	**Art:** Sculpture & 3D: Mega Materials	**DT:** Electrical systems: Exploring electrical products	**Art:** Craft & Design: Fabric of nature	**DT:** Cooking and Nutrition: Adapting a Recipe
Music (Charanga)	Mamma Mia!	Glockenspiel Stage 2	Stop!	Lean on Me	Blackbird	Reflect, Rewind and Replay
RE (Kapow)	Why is the Bible special for Christians?	How and why do Hindus worship in the home and in the Mandir? Visit: Hindu temple	What makes me the person I am?	Why is Easter important to Christians?	What is important to Humanists?	What happens when someone gets married?
Spanish (Specialist)	Revision, months and dates Seasons	Ask for and say your birthday ¿Qué tiempo hace?festivals including Christmas	Shapes and colours,prepositions of place,respond to photos	Parts of the body, facial features, create own picture descriptions	Nouns for family members,respond to family photos, Describing hair & eyes	Telling simple stories, The Giant Turnip, describing a family (own/other)
PSHE and Wellbeing (Kapow)	My healthy self: How can I make healthy choices?	Connecting with others: How can we respect each other?	The online world: How can we decide what to trust online?	Citizenship: How can I spend money responsibly?	Growing up: How will my body and emotions change as I grow up?	Staying safe: What signs help me recognise what is safe or unsafe?
PE (GetSet4PE)	Teacher led: Fitness Coach led: Fundamentals	Teacher led: Dodgeball Coach led: Ball Skills	Teacher led: Dance Coach led: Football	Teacher led: Gymnastics Coach led: Handball	Teacher led: Parkour Coach led: Basketball	Teacher led: Tennis Coach led: Athletics