



Welcome
to Year 4

Who's who?

Class Teacher: Mr Atkinson

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wilkinson

Thursday PPA: Mrs Ormerod

Get in touch

You can email the staff email address at...

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and it will get forwarded onto me.

Alternatively, you can catch me at the end of the day.

A 'typical' day in Year 4

- ▶ School starts at 8:45am
- ▶ Morning work & fix it work
- ▶ Prayers
- ▶ Spelling
- ▶ Tables practice
- ▶ Maths
- ▶ Break time
- ▶ English
- ▶ Prayers
- ▶ Lunch time
- ▶ Guided Reading
- ▶ Topic / RE / Collective Worship / and an afternoon break
- ▶ PE is on Friday afternoons this half term. Please can children come to school in their PE kit (coloured top, shorts or trackies or leggings, trainers).
- ▶ Story time and prayers



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 – 9:05	Morning work: Spelling Fix it:	Morning work: Grammar Fix it:	Morning work: Maths Fix it:	Morning work: Tables Fix it:	Morning work: Mental Maths Fix it:
9:05 – 9:30	Handwriting	Spelling	Handwriting	PPA	Collective Worship
9:30 – 10:30	Maths	Maths	Mats	PPA	Maths
10:30 – 10:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:50 – 11:55	Grammar English	Grammar English	English Grammar	PPA	Grammar English
11:55 – 12:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:55 – 1:30	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading
1:30 – 2:30	History	RE	RE	Maths	PE
2:30 – 2:40	Break	Break	Break	Break	Tidy Up
2:40 – 3:30	Hymn Practice/Assembly	ICT	Geography	English Grammar	Celebration Assembly

Catholic Ethos

- ▶ We say our prayers every morning, lunchtime and home time in class.
- ▶ 2 assemblies a week
- ▶ 1 Collective Worship in class and regular masses throughout the year in church
- ▶ Focus Gospel value each half term and a focus Catholic Social Teaching that is taught as well as our RE Curriculum
- ▶ 2 hours of RE a week

Year 4 Curriculum

I am excited for all the new learning that is going to take place in Year 4. We have a very exciting and bespoke curriculum at Alston Lane.

Each half term you will be sent a half termly overview of the subjects and topics that we will be covering in class for that half term. I will also put these on the Year 4 class page.

English

In English, we will be studying the legend of Loch Ness. We will read and analyse numerous accounts and sources of sightings of the legendary Loch Ness Monster. We will then read a fantasy story based around Loch Ness before writing our own innovated version of the story.

History/Geography

In History, Lancashire's Cotton Mills and, in particular, Helmshore Mill, is our focus. We will learn about what it was like for both adults and children to work and live in and around the mills. Trade within England and the World will be a particular focus.

In Geography we will be studying mountains. We will also look at why Lancashire was so good for the location of the Cotton Mills.

In PSHE we will be looking at relationships and feelings. We will discuss who to talk to when things get difficult and how to deal with pressure.

Science

This half term our focus is on Animals, Teeth and Digestion. We will be learning about teeth, the structure of a tooth and how we can keep our teeth healthy. We will also learn about our digestive system and what happens to our food once it has been eaten.

Maths

In Maths, we will focus on Place Value where we will identify the value of digits within a number before partitioning numbers. We will move on to calculation where we will learn addition and subtraction.



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Curriculum Overview

Autumn Term 1

Physical Education

In PE, our focus will be on the skills and knowledge of Basketball. We will learn different types of passing and catching whilst moving with the ball the ball. Our attention will then switch to short games where children will be taught techniques for accurately throwing the ball towards a target.

RE

In Religious Education, we will be studying Abraham. The children will learn about his life and his teachings. They will learn about the importance of faith and reliability.

Homework - core and extra

Weekly core tasks - compulsory

- Reading (3 or more times a week)
- Maths (on [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) website)
- SPAG (on [spag.com](https://www.spag.com))

Your child has log ins for these new websites in the front of their diary. I will set little tasks every week (Friday) and children can log in and complete online - due for the following Friday.

This year I will also send home occasional handwriting homework to support the children in their pre-cursive handwriting which they need to use in Year 4.

Occasionally homework will also be set to support class learning.

English

Design your own sea creature, which could be the 'monster' in Loch Ness. Annotate your drawing with information about your fictional creature.

Research a famous person of your choice, who you admire or aspire to be like. Write a short biography, including a picture (hand drawn or printed) of your chosen person.

PSHE

Keep a feelings diary - what makes you happy? sad? angry?

Science

Make a comic strip to show the journey of food from your mouth to excretion. Remember to say what happens at each stage.

Make a model of the structure of the tooth. This can be a labelled diagram, a collage or a 3d model.

Geography

Design a postcard for a place you have visited (or research one on the internet). Remember to add famous landmarks and a bold heading of the name of the place.

Maths

Design a poster titled 'What Mathematicians know about Place Value'. Imagine you are introducing place value to a child in Year One, design a poster which could help those children understand what place value is – include models which we use in our daily maths lessons (counters, base 10 equipment).

We will celebrate all children's work individually as it is brought in to school and proudly display it in our classroom where possible



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Homework Autumn Term 1

Year 4 Weekly Core Homework

- Daily reading for enjoyment (noted and signed in planner by an adult – 2 'Golden Tickets' will be awarded upon 20 completed **and signed** reads.
- Weekly times tables practice
- Weekly SPAG.com activity
- Weekly Maths.co.uk activity

Topic Homework

Please complete **two** of the topic activities to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the topics you are learning. I am so excited to see you 'unleash your creative side' and to share your successes with the rest of Team Year 4. Please bring in your homework as you complete it so we can celebrate your achievements together.

RE

Design an informative poster about the life and teachings of Abraham.

Home Reading Books

- ▶ These will be given out this week with the reading records. Homework logins will be stuck into the front of your child's reading record.
- ▶ Home reading books will be changed every Monday.
- ▶ You must read with your child **at LEAST 3 times a week**. I would recommend every night if you can, perhaps before bedtime. Write in the diary every time you read as children will be added to the reading raffle every time they read 3 times a week, plus a bonus raffle ticket for any extra times they read at home.
- ▶ The more your child reads the better! You can always make a note of any other books that you read at home too.
- ▶ Children will have a library book from our school library too.

Reward Systems

- ▶ School behaviour system target - Green, amber, red.
- ▶ Class certificates to be awarded each week.
- ▶ Gold Award and Super Citizen Award
- ▶ Wonderful Writer's Award

Assessment

- ▶ Just like in Year 3, children will be assessed throughout the year, formatively and also with more structured assessments.

Uniform

- ▶ Correct, named uniform and equipment for each day incl PE kit, on their day. In winter, long black tracksuit trousers or black leggings may be worn.
- ▶ Long hair must be tied back with plain bobbles
- ▶ No jewellery or friendship bracelets. Plain, flat backed, plastic spacers may be worn in ears.

General Information

- ▶ Snack Money - Please pay via Arbor for the term. Your child can also bring in a healthy snack for morning break.
- ▶ Please put your child's diary and book in their bag every day.
- ▶ Please do sign your child's diary whenever they read and do their homework.
- ▶ Please send your child in with a water bottle with water in, but please don't keep these in book bags as wet and spoiled books will need to be paid for.
- ▶ Dates of Parent's Evenings - to follow.

Favourite Sayings:

Respect everyone and hopefully everyone will respect you and each other.

They can because we think they can.
You can get a great tune out of an old fiddle.

Dad(or maybe grandad jokes are the best)!

Any Questions?

- ▶ If you need help with anything at all or just have a general concern or question, do not hesitate to email me:

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Thank you! 😊