



Welcome to Year 4!



Teaching in Year 4 is an absolute privilege, as it is a year when children really begin to grow in confidence, maturity and independence. We are excited to share another fantastic year of learning, discovery and fun with the children, helping them to develop a lifelong love of learning through engaging and exciting experiences. In Year 4, we encourage every child to aim high, work hard and embrace new challenges with a positive attitude, always striving to be the very best version of themselves. While we have high expectations and encourage children to become increasingly independent, we also know that every child is unique and may need support along the way. Whether it is socially, emotionally or academically, the Year 4 team is always here to support both our children and their families. Please never hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or simply need a chat. We are looking forward to working together to make this a happy, successful and memorable year for everyone.

Year 4 Staff

Mrs Swift (Class Teacher)

I am thrilled to be teaching Year 4 this year and can't wait to get started! I have been teaching for 18 years, with the last eight years spent at Burscough Village Primary School. One of the reasons I love working here is the wonderful school community; it is a place full of positivity, ambition, fun and teamwork, where children are encouraged to dream big and believe in themselves. I feel incredibly privileged to play a part in helping children grow, both academically and personally, and I love watching them build confidence, conquer challenges and celebrate their achievements along the way. Teaching is far more than a job to me; it is something I am truly passionate about, and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Alongside teaching Year 4, I am also Deputy Headteacher, leading curriculum, teaching and learning, online safety and behaviour across the school. I am excited to work with the children and their families this year and look forward to sharing a year filled with learning, laughter, success and lots of memorable moments.

Mrs Smith (Class Teaching Assistant)

I am really looking forward to working with Year 4 this year. I have been a Teaching Assistant for 18 years and have been at Burscough Village Primary School for 3 years. I love supporting the children and helping them reach their full potential and feel very grateful to be part of such a lovely school community. I worked with this class in year 1 and look forward to seeing how much they have progressed and matured since then.

I'm really looking forward to being part of the Year 4 team and having lots of fun learning together!

Mrs Whittaker (Class Teaching Assistant)

Hi everyone! I'm so excited to be joining you in Year 4!

I have been a Teaching Assistant for the past 5 years and have loved supporting children with their learning and helping them to feel happy and confident at school. I'm really looking forward to working in Key Stage 2 and getting to know all of you.

Outside of school, I love spending time with my family, listening to music, going on adventures and spending time with my dog, Pebbles.

I'm looking forward to having lots of fun, learning new things together and making it a fantastic year!

PE Days

Year 4 pupils will have PE lessons on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** in Autumn 1. Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term. If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

English & Maths Homework - Year 4 pupils will receive a piece of Maths and English homework each week. Homework will be handed out on a **Friday** & collected in the following **Friday**. This work is always based off what we have done in class and never new learning so children should be able to do this independently. If children are finding it difficult, please encourage them to come and speak to me themselves and I can guide them through it.

Spellings – Every **Tuesday** children will receive 10 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Tuesday**. Please ensure children practise their spellings at home - this can be through games or written. Alongside this, pupils will work on these spellings during spelling lessons in school.

Reading – Reading really does support the children with so much of their learning. Because of this, pupils should try to read as frequently as possible but at least 3 times per week. Please ensure you record this in their reading records as we will be checking these on a **Friday**.

Important Dates

Winmarleigh Residential Trip (PGL) – April 2026

Multiplication Check - June 2026

Roman Trip – Summer Term 2026

Online Safety

While the internet offers great learning opportunities for learning, being creative and socialising, it also comes with risks which us as parents need to be increasingly aware of. We have put together a list of suggested top tips for any devices but as a school we will be offering more support with this throughout the year.

Top Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

- Device use in the same room as an adult
- Set Parental Controls
- Set screen time limitations.
- Check your child's device
- Talk Regularly, offer advice and support regarding situations/conversations
- Balance Screen Time
- Check Age Ratings of apps/games and make informed decisions about this
- Be Alert to In-Game Spending
- Encourage Kindness Online

It is always exciting meeting a new class and we are already so impressed with their attitude to learning, their supportive approach of each other and their overwhelming enthusiasm. I think this year is going to be a very special indeed. We look forward to working with you and your children to ensure they have a thoroughly successful year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Swift, Mrs S Smith & Mrs Whittaker

