



Year 4
Autumn 2 Newsletter
2025 - 26

Welcome!

What a fantastic first half term it has been! We are so pleased with how well the children have settled into the rules and routines of Year 4. They have shown great enthusiasm for their learning and have worked incredibly hard to complete all of the tasks set. We're also thrilled to share an amazing achievement – at the time of writing, the class has read over **1.3 million words!**

We're very excited for the half term ahead and can't wait to see all the wonderful work the children will produce. We've already been so impressed with their creativity and effort, especially in their Loch Ness inspired leaflets and stories.

We're also delighted to have **Mrs Stevenson**, a trainee teacher, working with us until **February 2026**. She has already become a valued member of our team and is enjoying getting to know the children.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact us by email, through the school office, or by speaking to us in person at the end of the day.

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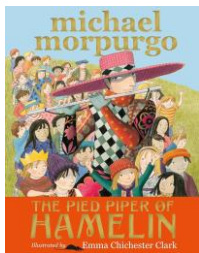
Year 4 Topics

Autumn 1 (02.09.25 – 22.10.25)	Spring 1 (05.01.26 – 13.02.26)	Summer 1 (13.04.26 – 22.05.26)
Nessie: Fact or Fiction?	Invaders and Settlers	Splash!
Autumn 2 (03.11.25 – 19.12.25)	Spring 2 (23.02.26 – 27.03.26)	Summer 2 (02.06.26 – 17.07.26)
Germs, Masks and Mystery	Italia!	Unveiling Ancient Egypt

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
		PE	Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set

There are **NO** Forest School session this half term.



Our Learning this half term



Our topic for the first half term is '**Germes, Masks and Mystery**'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Michael Morpurgo. We will learn about the story, focus on the language used to create a terrific tale and then create our own fairy tale. Next, we will be looking at newspapers and discovering how a strange phenomenon has hit Burnley before creating our own about Trawden.

Maths: Addition & Subtraction, Measurement and Multiplication & Division

Science: Sound – How are sounds made? How do we hear sounds? How do sounds travel?



History: The Plague – How did the plague spread so quickly? Who treated the sick? How did the plague impact daily life?



Computing: The Internet – How can we stay safe online? What is the internet? How are devices connected?

PE: Gymnastics – How can we safely hold positions? How can we work together to perform routines?

RE: Christianity - How and why might Christian use the Bible? Who founded Christianity and where was it founded?

PSHE: Feelings & Emotions – What is jealousy? What should I do if I feel jealous?

Music: Glockenspiels – How can we incorporate these into a song? Which notes work best together?





Key Events for Autumn 2: 03.11.25 – 19.12.25



Anti-bullying week	Odd Socks Day	Non-Uniform Day	Class Assembly
Monday 10th November – Friday 14th November A week dedicated to promoting kindness, respect and standing up against bullying.	Monday 10th November Children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.	Friday 14th November Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for Christmas Hamper donations.	Thursday 20th November at 9am Come and watch our class share some fascinating (and a little gruesome!) facts about the plague.
Whole School Surprise	Christmas Pop-Up Shop	Christmas Craft Sharing	Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Friday 28th November A special treat for the whole school – shh, it's a surprise!	Monday 3rd December Children can buy small, affordable gifts for family and friends.	Friday 12th December A festive parent event where families join their children to make Christmas crafts.	Thursday 18th December A joyful day of Christmas lunch, music, and celebrations to end the term.



Year 4 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
- Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) - Doors open at 8:45am - Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with) NO parents are to use the staff car park unless permission has been given, by Governors, for exceptional circumstances.	Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).	- Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or sugar free snack) for morning and/or afternoon playtime. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten. - No chocolate or crisps permitted. - We cannot store yogurt in a fridge. - Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
	Playground Gates Open –8:35 a.m. The school yard is not supervised by staff before school. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children do not use the playground equipment during this time. If a child does use the equipment, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur before or after school hours.	
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
- If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 4 area outside the dining hall.   Drinks: Children should bring water in a clearly identifiable water bottle each day which will be kept in class. They will be able to refill if necessary, during the day.	- Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk. - We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home. - Our Year 4 target is for each child to read 10 pages per day.	- Homework and spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. - Homework books must be in school by each Friday so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in. 

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Wednesday**.

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Swimming

Thursday afternoons – 08.01.26 – 26.03.26.

Swimming Kit - Towel and swimming costume (one piece), trunks or swimming shorts (NO longer than knee length) in an appropriate bag.

If your child has an inhaler this will also need to be in school, to be taken to the pool.

Swimming Caps - Both boys and girls, who have long hair (shoulder length or longer) will require a swimming cap. This is information taken from Pendle Leisure Centre.

Jewellery - This is NOT permitted in the pool. Therefore, earrings and watches should be removed by the children for that day or before leaving school and given to the teacher for safekeeping until they return.

Goggles - These may only be worn in **exceptional circumstances** (medical issues) due to safety reasons. These rules are based on Health and Safety regulations set down by Lancashire County Council and are non-negotiable. If your child has a medical reason for wearing goggles please request a permission form from the office, complete it and return it to the office before the first lesson.



School Uniform



Forest School Y1 – Y6

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new
(* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap
(weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans

NO trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back
(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional