



**Year 4**  
**Spring 2 Newsletter**  
**2025 - 26**

# Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the academic year. Time really does seem to be racing by. We are excited to begin another busy and engaging half term together and look forward to sharing what they achieve.

Swimming has been a real highlight over the past six weeks. We have been so proud of the confidence many children have shown in the water. Several have overcome initial worries and are now fully involved in lessons, developing important water safety skills while clearly enjoying themselves.

In January, our class total stood at just over 2.5 million words read. This week, that figure has risen to over 3.3 million words. What a fantastic accomplishment. I wonder how many words we will reach by Summer 1?

As always, if you need to get in touch, please feel free to email.

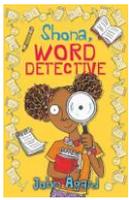
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# Year 4 Topics

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				
			Swimming	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Homework Due In	Homework Set
			Reading Records checked	



# Our Learning for this half term



Our topic this half term is **Italia**. We will be exploring Italy across the curriculum and making links between subjects.

**English:** We will begin with **kennings poetry**, move on to *Shona, Word Detective* during Book Week, and finish by writing persuasive leaflets linked to Italy.

**Maths:** We will focus on Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter, and Fractions and Decimals.

**Science:** We will continue learning about States of Matter and explore how materials change state.

**Geography:** We will study Italy today and compare it with our local area.

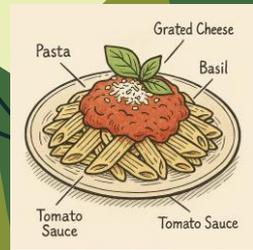
**PE:** Swimming lessons will continue. Please see the Swimming page for details.

**DT:** We will design and make a pasta dish, thinking carefully about balanced meals.

**PSHE:** Our theme is 'A World Without Judgements', focusing on inclusion and respect.

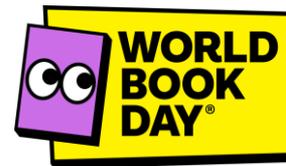
**French:** We will learn to talk about our family in French through our topic *Ma Famille*.

**RE:** We will develop our understanding of Islam.



Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

# Key Events for Spring 1: 23.02.26 – 27.03.26



<p><b>Swimming Lessons</b></p>	<p><b>Scholastic Book Fair</b></p>	<p><b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Marsden Trip</b></p>	<p><b>Book Week</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Children will take part in weekly swimming lessons to develop water confidence, improve swimming skills, and learn essential water safety.</p>	<p><b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (inc)</b></p> <p>Our Scholastic Book Fair will be open at home time each day, giving parents and children the opportunity to explore and purchase a wide selection of exciting books.</p>	<p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b></p> <p>Years 3 and 4 will visit Marsden Community Primary School as part of the Building Bridges project. Children will complete a range of collaborative activities with pupils from the partner school.</p>	<p><b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Children will take part in activities linked to our whole school text, <i>Shona, Word Detective</i> and many other word/book related activities!</p>
<p><b>Book Swap Day</b></p>	<p><b>Book Dress-up Day + Parents Sharing Event</b></p>	<p><b>Parents' Evening</b></p>	<p><b>Rock Kidz</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Children all bring in one or more books they have read and no longer need (in good condition please) and then they can swap it for another!</p> 	<p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Children can come dressed up as a book character if they wish and bring the book with them! <b>AND</b> one parent or family member is invited to attend and share book related activities with their child/ren.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March &amp; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p>Parents' Evening provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes and talk about next steps in learning.</p>	<p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>All children can dress up, if they wish, ready to rock and roll.</b></p> <p>Children will take part in workshops and rock sessions focused on self esteem and respect with Cameron, Si and Jonathan</p> <p><a href="http://www.rockkidzuk.com">www.rockkidzuk.com</a></p>

# ROCK KIDZ ARE COMING TO SCHOOL!

 Monday 23rd March

Get ready to turn up the volume!

## WHAT IS ROCK KIDZ?

Rock Kidz On Tour is an exciting, high energy workshop that transforms our school hall into a live rock concert venue for the day. Through music, movement and powerful messages, the team deliver an unforgettable experience focused on:

- ★ Self esteem and diversity
- ★ Perseverance and resilience
- ★ Anti bullying

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new.

We cannot wait for what promises to be an energetic, inspiring and memorable day for all of our pupils! 

## DRESS LIKE A ROCK STAR!

To make the day even more special, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in items including:

-  Bright colours 
-  Band t shirts ★ Crazy hair
-  Leather jackets  Glitter and sparkles

Please do not feel you need to buy anything new. Simple, fun outfits are absolutely fine.



Let's get ready to rock! 



# Year 4 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gates open at <b>8:35am</b> (there is no school led supervision)</li><li>• Doors open at <b>8:45am</b></li><li>• Home Time is at <b>3:30pm</b> (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with)</li><li>• <b>NO parents are to use the staff car park unless permission has been given, by Governors, for exceptional circumstances.</b></li></ul>	<p>Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their <b>coat, bag, PE kit &amp; Forest School Kit</b> (on set day).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li><li>• No chocolate or crisps permitted.</li><li>• We cannot store yogurt in a fridge.</li><li>• Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Playground</b> <b>Gates Open – 8:35 a.m.</b> The school yard is <b>not</b> supervised by staff before school. For everyone’s safety, we kindly ask that children <b>do not</b> 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.</p>	
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the <b>Year 4</b> area outside the dining hall.</li><li>• <b>Drinks:</b> 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.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk.</li><li>• We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home.</li><li>• Our Year 4 target is for each child to read <b>10 pages per day.</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework and spellings will be set every <b>Friday</b> and due in the following <b>Thursday.</b></li><li>• Homework books must be in school by each <b>Friday</b> so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in.</li></ul> 



# 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.



# 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.



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

# 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