



Year 4
Summer 1 Newsletter
2025 - 26

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are feeling refreshed for the new half term. It is incredible how quickly the year is passing, and it will not be long before the children move on to Year 5.

Now that our swimming lessons have finished, we would like to say how proud we are of the children's progress. It has been wonderful to see confidence grow, particularly for those who were unsure at the start, with some even choosing to jump into the deep end by the final session. Our more confident swimmers have also worked hard to refine their technique and build their stamina.

In our last update in February, the class had read 3.3 million words. They have now smashed their 5 million word target and we even have two 'word millionaires'. This is a fantastic achievement, and they have well and truly exceeded their goal!

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please feel free to email me at sloynds@trawden.lancs.sch.uk.

Mr S Loynds & Miss N Sanderson

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	Forest School	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Homework Due In	Homework Set

Forest School Dates: Thursday 23rd April, Thursday 30th April, Thursday 7th May, Thursday 14th May & Thursday 21st May.



Our Learning for this half term



Our topic for this half term is 'Splash!'.

Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on 'Float' by Daniel Miyares before moving on to poetry inspired by 'Water, Water Everywhere' by James Casey.

Maths: We are continuing with fractions, focussing on mixed numbers, improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions. After this, we will be progressing to using decimals.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats – How can we classify and group animals? Why are animals suited to certain environments?

Geography: Water – What are the main stages of the water cycle?

PE: Striking and Fielding – How can we effectively play fielding and striking games?

Art: The Art of Display – How does the way present art impact the viewer?

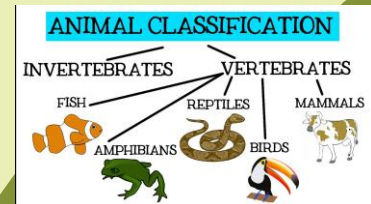
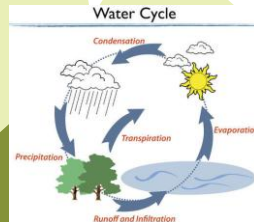
Computing: Repetition in Games – How can we use Scratch to create a game?

Forest School: Gardening – What can we grow in the school garden?

PSHE: Keeping / Staying Healthy

French: Chez Moi (At Home)

RE: Islam / Christianity





Key Events for Summer 1: 13.04.26 - 22.05.26




Class Photos	Earth Day	Crazy Hair Day
<p>Tuesday 21st April</p> <p>Class photos will take place on Tuesday 21st April, so please ensure children come to school in full uniform and ready to smile.</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd April</p> <p>On Wednesday 22nd April, we will be celebrating Earth Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed in green or blue and will take part in a range of sustainability workshops, with a £2 contribution.</p>	<p>Friday 1st May</p> <p>On Friday 1st May, children are invited to come to school with crazy hair to support our fundraising event, with a £2 contribution and have a tattoo done in school!</p>
<p>Bank Holiday</p> <p>Monday 4th May</p> <p>School will be closed on Monday 4th May due to the bank holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back the following day.</p>	<p>FYI - Y6 SATs Week</p> <p>W/C Monday 11th May</p> <p>Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs tests during the week commencing Monday 11th May, and we wish them all the very best.</p>	<p>Walk to School Week</p> <p>W/C Monday 18th March</p> <p>We will be taking part in Walk to School Week during the week commencing Monday 18th May, encouraging children to travel to school in a healthy and active way where possible.</p>





Year 4 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Playground</p> <p>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.</p>	
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.



PE for Y4 this term is on a Wednesday.

Forest School



When it is our Forest School day, children will come to school in their “**Essential Forest School Kit**”.

On colder days children can also wear their own school jumper or cardigan if they wish (weather dependant).

On our Forest School days, children should bring their outdoor footwear – wellies/boots and waterproofs in a bag to change into.

Forest School Dates: Thursday 23rd April, Thursday 30th April, Thursday 7th May, Thursday 14th May & Thursday 21st May.

Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day.

- plain black full legged tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes),
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- School shoes / **black** trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

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