



**Year 4**  
**Autumn 2 Newsletter**  
**2024 - 25**

# Information Update!

That was such a quick first half term! We are all so pleased with how well the children have begun to settle into the rules and routines of Year 4. The children have tried so hard to join in and complete all the work that has been set. We would just like to point out one very important milestone they have already reached... At the time of writing this, the class have **read over 1.4 million words!**

We are looking forward to this half term to see all the fantastic pieces of work they can create throughout our learning. We have been really impressed with the work they have produced so far! They have created some terrific Loch Ness inspired leaflets, stories and comic books!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or in person at the end of the day.

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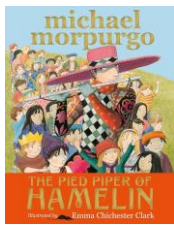
# Year 4 Topics

<b>Autumn 1</b> (03.09.24 – 17.10.24)	<b>Spring 1</b> (06.01.25 – 14.02.25)	<b>Summer 1</b> (22.04.25 – 23.05.25)
Nessie: Fact or Fiction?	Secrets of Ancient Baghdad	Splash!
<b>Autumn 2</b> (28.10.24 – 20.12.24)	<b>Spring 2</b> (24.02.25 – 04.04.25)	<b>Summer 2</b> (03.06.25 – 18.07.25)
Germs, Masks and Mystery	Trawden & Beyond	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 'Germs, 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 continue to focus on this tale as we aim to create a modern day newspaper report about a new plague of rats to occupy the town.

**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:** Basketball / Rugby – How can we effectively pass the ball in each sport? What are the best strategies to play?

**RE:** Christianity - How and why might Christians 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?

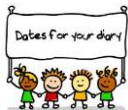







# Year 4 Routines



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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or cereal bar) for morning / afternoon play. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten.</li> <li>• No chocolate or crisps permitted.</li> <li>• Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.</li> </ul>
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> </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> 



# Key Events for Autumn 2: 28.10.24 – 20.12.24

Anti-bullying Week	History Experience Day	Non-uniform Day	Class Assembly
<p><b>w.b. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A week full of learning and understanding on the national theme of “Choose Respect”</li><li><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Odd Socks Day:</b> Wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality.</li></ul> 	<p><b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adrian – The History Man – will be delivering workshops and lessons about “<i>The Plague</i>”</li></ul> 	<p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children can come in non-uniform in return for carrying items in each hand for our PTFA Christmas hampers.</li></ul> 	<p><b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Year 4 will be leading the assembly and all parents carers and family members are invited to watch.</li></ul>

KS2 Carol Service	School Christmas Dinner	Christmas Party Day	End of term
<p><b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Our annual Carol Service led by the children will be held in St. Mary’s Church, Trawden from 6:15pm.</li><li>ALL KS2 children are expected to attend.</li></ul> 	<p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All children will join in with this wonderful feast prepared by Jayne.</li></ul> 	<p><b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Children can come in their party clothes! They will enjoy games and win prizes in the afternoon.</li><li>All children <b>MUST</b> bring a coat.</li></ul>	<p><b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We finish school for our Christmas holiday.</li><li>We will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.</li></ul> 

# 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 **Monday**.

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

# Swimming

**Thursday afternoons – 09.01.24 – 03.04.25.**

**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 home if possible or removed 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.

