



Year 4
Spring 1 Newsletter
2024 - 25

Welcome!

We hope that you have all had a terrific Christmas & New Year (and extra snow day). We are sure that 2025 is going to be a great year for the children to learn and succeed in all the challenges they are given.

Our class have set a terrific example during our first swimming lesson, yesterday. They are already looking forward to their lesson next week. For more information about swimming, please read the following pages.

The last time we wrote an update (November), the class had read **1.4 million words**. As of this week they have read over **3.1 million words**, which is an incredible achievement! I wonder how many they will have read by Spring 2?

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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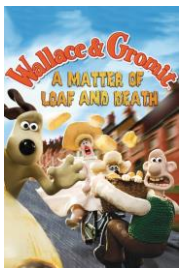
Year 4 Topics

Autumn 1 (03.09.24 – 17.10.24)	Spring 1 (06.01.25 – 14.02.25)	Summer 1 (22.04.25 – 23.05.25)
Nessie: Fact or Fiction?	Secrets of Ancient Baghdad	Splash!
Autumn 2 (28.10.24 – 20.12.24)	Spring 2 (24.02.25 – 04.04.25)	Summer 2 (03.06.25 – 18.07.25)
Germs, Masks and Mystery	Trawden & Beyond	Unveiling Ancient Egypt

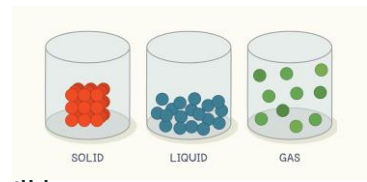
Weekly Timetable

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

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



Our Learning this half term



Our topic for the first half term is 'Secrets of Ancient Bagdad'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf & Death and the dilemma this holds before creating our own version. Next, we will focus on the features of non-chronological reports before creating our own linked to Ancient Bagdad.

Maths: Multiplication & Division and Length & Perimeter

Science: States of Matter – What are states of matter? How can objects change state? Are the changes permanent or reversible?

History: Early Islamic Civilization – Why was Bagdad so important? What was the House of Wisdom? What discoveries were made?

PE: Dance – Sandersons Dance Studio. / Swimming – How can I stay safe in the water?

RE: Islam - Who founded Islam? What are the main Muslim beliefs?

Art: Pattern Making – How do artists use pattern in their work? How can we create our own unique repeated patterns?



PSHE: Computer Safety – How can I stay safe online? First Aid – When should first aid be given? What are the steps to get emergency help?





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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• No chocolate or crisps permitted.• Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
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. 	<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. 



Key Events for Spring 1: 06.01.25 - 14.02.25



PTFA: Break the Rules Day	Children's Mental Health Week	Safer Internet Day
<p>Friday 17th January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children donate to 'break' specific school rules e.g. non-uniform, crazy hair, drink juice, eat sweets / crisps, etc. 	<p>Monday 3rd February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will discover how getting to know who they are and what makes them tick can help them build resilience, grow and develop. 	<p>Tuesday 11th February</p> <p>Children will focus on the theme: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'</p>
	<p>PTFA: Film Night</p> <p>Wednesday 12th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School turns into a cinema and children can watch a movie (still... 'under wraps') and eat snacks! 	 <p>Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre</p> <p>saferinternetday.org.uk</p>

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 or **white** 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 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

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