



Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn (First Half) 2026

Dear Parents,

Miss Walmsley and Mrs Quinton welcome you to Year 4. We hope you have had a lovely break and it is lovely to see everyone back at school after the summer holiday. In Year 4 there are two teachers. Miss Walmsley teaches all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs Quinton teaches all day Thursday and Friday. Mrs Madigan covers our PPA and teaches Year 4 on a Wednesday morning. On Wednesday afternoon the children will go swimming at Penwortham Leisure Centre with Mrs Braddock. The teaching assistant in Year 4 is Mrs Braddock.

We create a newsletter every half term to give you more information. Further curriculum information can be found on the school website.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone through the school office. You can also contact us through the Class Dojo.

Miss Walmsley and Mrs Quinton

P.E.

Every Tuesday afternoon we will have a PE session. Please ensure your child has their school P.E. kit in school. The kit should contain red shorts, red P.E. T- shirt black joggers and black pumps or trainers.

Every Wednesday afternoon the children will continue their swimming lessons, this year at Penwortham leisure centre. Your child will need to bring to school their costume, a towel and a swimming hat every Wednesday.

Earrings - Only plain small stud earrings are permitted in school. The wearing of other jewellery (except watches) is also **not** permitted. Earrings should **not** be worn on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Long hair - please ensure that it is tied back every day with red, black or red tartan headbands.

Reading Books

School Reading books can be changed whenever your child is ready for a new book. Please sign their diary **each time they read**. You may also add any comment as well. In addition, please add entries for any books for pleasure at home.

Please regularly listen to your child read aloud. This helps fluency and enables mispronunciation of words to be identified. In addition, comprehension skills can be developed by asking your child questions about the story that they have read. There are some example questions at the front of the reading diary.

Please record in the reading diary any other types of books your child reads.

Please ensure school reading books and reading diaries are in school every day.

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 4th September - Skipping Ninja workshop
- Wednesday 9th September - Year 4 swimming starts
- Monday 21st September - Lostock Hall Library Visit

Playtime snacks

Children are expected to place their breaktime snack in the tray in the classroom first thing in the morning. We encourage healthy snacks. Toast is available to purchase each day.

Water bottles

Children may bring in **small** water bottles but these need to be taken home each day, washed and refilled. The children have access to their water bottles during morning breaktime and lunch time.

Useful Websites

These websites may be of use to you during the year either to support your child with their homework or as information.

Internet Safety

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
www.saferinternet.org.uk/parental-controls
www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools
www.childnet.com/online-gaming
www.pegi.info/en/index

Homework Websites

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/farington-pr26>

Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday. A weekly homework information sheet will be published every Friday on the class story of the Class Dojo. There will be English homework that is linked to either our genre of writing or a spelling, punctuation and grammar activity (SPAG).

Maths homework will link to the topics we are covering in class plus the children will be practising times tables this half term.

Children will also be asked to learn weekly spellings which will be tested every Friday.

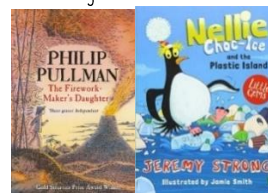
Worship theme

Our worship theme for this half term is 'Thankfulness and Celebrating Harvest.'



Reading in Class

This half term our focus texts will be:



There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



**190 DAYS
100%**

Very best chance of success



**183 DAYS
96%**

Off to a flying start



**179 DAYS
94%**

Less chance of success



**175 DAYS
92%**

Harder to make progress



**MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE
LESS THAN 90%**

Persistent absence, not good for your child

Absence

Minutes late per day	Equals days' worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

Reporting absences

It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school if their child will be absent. Please call the office, not ClassDojo.