



Class 4 Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Class 4! I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer. Mrs Murphy and I are very excited to get started in Class 4 and have lots of fun, engaging and exciting things planned for this year.

This year our main focus is going to be History. We will be covering the Romans. The enquiry question that will run through our whole curriculum will be "Does power change people, or do people change power?"

Main Focus for Project i.e. subject & programme of study:	History – Changes in Britain from Stone Age, Iron age and the Roman Empire and how they all had an impact on Britain
Enquiry Question:	Does power change people, or do people change power?
Concepts:	Power Change Identity Consequences
Connections i.e. links to other subjects:	English: Our class novel is all about power struggles, facing problems and having to create solutions and how people working together can create positive and negative change.

History

This term our topic will be focusing on **Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain**. We will be looking at the Roman civilisation, how they travelled, how they lived, jobs, clothing and even how they fought. We will be looking at how influential the Romans were, and how parts of their ways are still with us today. The children will become familiar and confident using primary and secondary sources. This topic promises to be very interactive for the children and filled with information, which I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy.

English:

Our novel this term is called 'The Legend of Podkin One Ear' by Kieran Larwood. This a fantastic novel which allows the children to enter a mythical land and see the trials and tribulations that come when being in charge of a warren, especially when there is an army waiting to bring you down. During this topic, the children will be take part in lots of drama, reading aloud and writing in many different genres.

The children have all been assigned a home reading book, which we encourage to read with a family member at home. The more your children read the more progress they will make. Their reading record will be checked each week to ensure they are reading at home. Children can also choose a reading for pleasure novel that they can read in their free time at home. We will no longer be using Reading Plus, but we are asking that children are encouraged to read at home, they can also record books they read at home in their reading record. We are also going to be carrying on with our Lancashire spelling scheme, we will be sending home the spelling list of words that we will cover in each half term. Please practice these with children to help embed their spelling knowledge.

Maths:

This term the children will focus on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. The children will continue to practise their times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars, if they can practise at home that would be a big help! Each day we will start our lessons with a 'kickstart' this is a little challenge that engages the children straight away. The kickstart will use different terminology, concepts and operations, which will allow the children to consolidate the current teaching.

Religious Education:

Creation and Covenant.

This term we will be learning about Abraham and other stories from the Old Testament. The children will take part in many immersive lessons to help them fully understand the meaning of the scripture. They will hear the stories within the Bible, understand them, celebrate and go forth spreading God's love where ever they go. The second half term we will be looking at the Christmas story and understanding how important it is.

PSHE:

We will be covering many different topics over the course of the year. Some of the topics may require a sensitive approach. Please be aware that we will ensure that the children are comfortable, and they understand they can discuss as much or as little as they like. During these lessons we talk to the children about respecting each other and how we may have difference in opinions.

The topic we will be looking at this term will be;

- Computer safety.

Science:

This term we will be studying 'Rocks.' We have lots of fun experiments planned for the children. They will have to create a hypothesis for each experiment and record their findings. They will understand the different types of rocks and what they may be used for.

Art:

This term we will be looking at self-portraits. The children will be building up different techniques to help them draw their self-portraits. They will be looking at using different strokes and the impact of shading and learning how to make their pictures lighter or darker.

PE:

In autumn term Year 5 will be taking part in Forest school, learning about how to interact safely with each other and taking full advantage of our school grounds. Year 4 will be learning fundamental skills and how to jump, run, skip, throw and catch. They will then demonstrate these skills within invasion games.

Design and technology:

This term in design and technology we will be looking at how to create a healthy meal. We will be investigating what makes a nutritious meal and how we can make simple changes in our diet that will make an impact on our lifestyles. The children will be planning, cooking, and presenting a savoury healthy meal. They will bring an ingredients list home when we are planning to cook the meal. Once the meal has been cooked, the children will be allowed to bring it home to share with their family.

Homework and other information:

Homework this year will be set using the CGP books. Children will bring their book home each **Friday**. They will complete set pages in both their Grammar and maths book.

Please could we ask that we have all up to date medication in school and any medical forms are completed and updated of any changes that we need to be made aware of.

Best wishes,

Miss Gillibrand and Mrs Murphy.