

Year 4

Meet the Teacher



2025-2026

The Year 4 Team

Mr Oakes 4O

Miss Bates 4B

Miss Smith 4S

Additional staff:

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bristow

Topics covered in Y4 are:

- ▶ Water and Rivers
- ▶ Local history of Blackpool
- ▶ Africa
- ▶ The Tudors
- ▶ Europe
- ▶ The Romans in Britain

Special to Y4:

Y4 Wider Opportunities:

- ▶ Cornets Terms 1 & 2 **4O** Terms 3 & 4 **4B** Terms 5 & 6 **4S**
- ▶ Local history Heritage Project – St. Andrew's church, Cleveleys – Terms 2, 4 and 6
- ▶ Outdoor learning visit to Abbeystead
- ▶ Local Geography trip Wyre Estuary
- ▶ Blackpool Football Club Community Trust ~ Fit2Go program (Thursdays)

Swimming – later in the year, you will be informed by letter when it is your child's turn to go swimming. We do not go as a class but in small groups until a certain standard is achieved. Swimming is on a Tuesday morning.

Latin with Mr Timson, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Monks.

Accelerated Reader

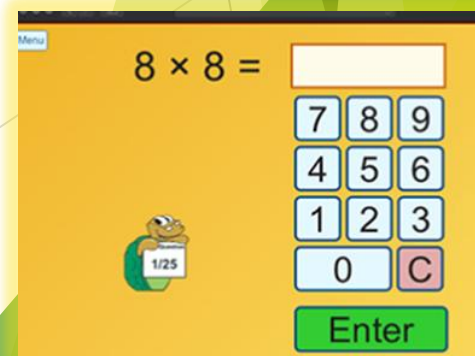
- Star Reader Test is an indication of ZPD and reading age
- It is common for regression after the summer break
- We encourage reading books for pleasure
- Books of children's choice from home are welcome and encouraged
- You can visit the AR BookFinder at www.arbookfind.co.uk to conduct a search of all available books with AR quizzes.
- AR word count totals will be posted on Seesaw each week. We are all very competitive!

If you have additional questions, please visit the Accelerated Reader website at

www.renlearn.co.uk

Times tables

- By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know their multiplication facts up to 12×12 with rapid recall and they will be expected to take a government timed test in June 2026.
- You can find a very similar timed test at <https://urbrainy.com/mtc> and the real one is [Multiplication Tables Check – Mathsframe](#). We will link these on Seesaw.
- TTRS allows them to practise their facts in a fun and competitive way.



Homework

- Please encourage your child to read at home daily and regularly access TTRS.
- A new list of spellings will be set every Monday and children will be tested on the following Monday. Games are accessible to help learn these via EdShed. Termly Overviews will be accessible on the school website.
- Homework will be focused on Spellings and Fast Facts – Maths). This will be accessible via the Homework page on the school website. We will also post these via Seesaw each term.

General notes

- ▶ PE is on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Kits will be kept in school.
- ▶ School bags, pencil cases and keychains are not permitted.
- ▶ Collection time is 3:15 pm.
- ▶ Please advise us of any changes to after school collections (including After School Club) via the School Office.

Packed Lunch Information

Norbreck Primary Academy aims to promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. We want your child to enjoy their home-prepared packed lunch but we need to keep all children safe too. Follow this advice which should ensure a safe and healthy lunchtime for all.

- Children are given approximately 30 minutes to eat their lunch.
- All children wash their hands before eating.
- Please pack your child's lunch in a rigid container to prevent it from becoming squashed or staining books and clothes.
- Drinks should be brought in plastic containers and for safety reasons fizzy drinks, glass bottles, cans and thermos flasks with hot drinks should not be used.
- Avoid over catering for your child. See our packed lunch suggestions overleaf.
- Make sure your child's name is clearly visible on the outside of their packed lunch box.
- Please remember to pack spoons or other utensils that your child will need to eat their lunch as we are unable to provide them.
- Uneaten food will be returned in the lunch box.
- Please do not include sweets or lollies.
- Ensure to cut grapes (top to bottom) as they have the potential to be a choking hazard.
- As part of our school's Eco-Code, we encourage parents to package food using reusable containers in order to reduce disposable waste.
- Nuts and peanut butter sandwiches must not be brought to school as we have children who are allergic to these.
- If your child should forget their packed lunch, a school meal will be provided. This will be ordered immediately and cannot then be cancelled. Parents will be billed for the meal.
- Changes to/from packed lunches are enabled by completing the form on Parent App.



Ideas for Lunch Boxes



Sandwiches

Try using a variety of different types of bread: pitta bread, bagels, naan bread, chapattis, wraps, baguette etc.
Fun shaped sandwiches always go down well too!

Fillings

- Canned fish
- Meat
- Cheese
- Egg
- Salad & vegetables

Alternative ideas to sandwiches

- Samosas
- Sausages
- Quiche
- Scotch Eggs
- Pasta
- Rice & Vegetables



Fruit

Apple, satsuma, banana, strawberries, peaches, pineapple, melon, mango, nectarine, raisins, grapes (please cut top to bottom).

Vegetables

Cut into manageable sizes where necessary.
Carrots, sweet pepper, cherry tomatoes, cucumber, celery (serve with hummus, Greek yoghurt, dips).



Extras

Yogurt, Fromage Frais, Cubed Cheese, Seeds (sunflower, pumpkin, sesame), Popcorn (unsalted), homemade 'healthy' biscuit, scone, carrot cake.



Drinks

Please ensure your child has a drink in their lunchbox. No fizzy or energy drinks please.

Further ideas

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes?filter=lunchbox>

<http://www.food.com/ideas/back-to-school-lunch-box-ideas->

If you have any questions or anything you need to share with your child's class teacher, please feel free to do so.

Thank you for your support.
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