



# 4F

# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Autumn 1

Hi, I'm Mr. Frankish and I am the class teacher in 4F. This is the third year that I have worked in Year 4 and I am looking forward to teaching your child this year. I have 1 son who is in Year 10 at St. Wilfrids High School and 1 son who has just started on a BTEC course in Sports Science and Cricket Performance at Myerscough College. I love watching football and most Saturdays you will find me watching my team, MK Dons, in various places around the country as well as watching my local team, Darwen FC, whenever I can. Sundays are taken up with watching my sons play football so the weekends go very fast in our house! When I'm not watching football, I love to read history books, mainly about World War 2 and I hope that the children in 4F will continue to develop their love of reading as well. If you have any questions about our lessons or about your child individually then please don't hesitate to catch me on the yard for a chat or contact the office and I will be more than happy to have a conversation.

### Dates for your Diary

Flu Vaccinations – Thursday 17th September  
Rock Kidz – Thursday 24th September  
School Photos – Thursday 8th October  
Open Evening for 2027 intake – Wednesday 14th October 6.30pm  
Open Morning for 2027 intake – Thursday 15th October 9.30am and 11am.  
Year 4 School Trip to Blackpool Zoo – Tuesday 20th October  
Parents' Evening – Thursday 22nd October  
School closes for Half Term – Friday 23rd October



## Friendly Reminders

Please make sure you send your child to school only with the things they need. These include; a coat, their packed lunch (if needed), a water bottle and their reading book (daily). Reading books need to be brought to school every day. They can be changed once your child has completed it. Before changing their book, they will complete a short online quiz about the book in school, to show their understanding. In addition, we encourage the children to read other material at home as well to increase their reading miles. Please read at least five times a week at home.

Spellings will be added to the year 4 blog on a Friday and will be reviewed the following Friday. A spelling assignment to complete will be put on Spelling Shed. Maths homework will be set online on TT Rockstars to be completed by the following Friday.

For Autumn term 1, PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Children may come into school on these days in their PE kits.

# What we are studying

## Maths

In Maths, our first half term will be spent looking at place value. Year 4 is a very important year for learning times tables as the year will end with the year 4 multiplication Test Check. It would be really beneficial for your child if you could help them with learning their times tables as this knowledge applies to many areas of Maths and this year it is a mandatory area for assessment in Year 4.

## English

During our English this term, we will develop the children's understanding of the Year 3/4 grammar objectives. We will begin learning spelling rules for year 4 and recap on the year 3 and 4 common exception words. Please ensure your child learns their spellings each week and go back over any rules that they may have found tricky.

For Talk for Writing this half term we will be writing non-chronological reports about rainforest animals and then use our oracy skills to debate about deforestation in the rainforest.

Our class novel is "The Secret Explorers and The Rainforest Rangers."

## Geography

This term, our theme is based around our Geography unit which is the rainforest. We will be learning about where rainforests are in the world, what the climate is like and what animals live in the rainforest. We will also compare Sherwood Forest and the Amazon Rainforest.

### Key Vocabulary:

deforestation, soil erosion, impact, Amazon rainforest, Amazon river, forest floor, understory layer, canopy layer, emergent layer, habitat, diet, climate, tropics, tropical, forecast, rainforest, temperate, tropical, boreal, deciduous, coniferous.

The PSHE theme for this half term is 'Being Me in my World'.

In Art, we will be learning about the artist, Henri Rousseau, and recreating his famous painting of "Tiger in a Tropical Storm (Surprised)".

In PE we will be learning the skills of Handball and Tag Rugby.



## Science

In Science, we will be looking at what all animals need to live, classification keys to group animals, identify and name a variety of living things in the environment and how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment.

### Key Vocabulary:

environment, flowering, non-flowering, plants, animals, vertebrate, invertebrate, fish, amphibians, birds, reptiles, mammals, human impact, deforestation, extinction, threatened, litter, population, development, nature reserves, conservation, ecologically planned parks, rainforest, habitat, wildlife, danger, variation, classification, adapted