



4W Classroom News

Avondale
Primary School

Autumn 1

Hi, I am Miss Wormald and I will be your child's teacher for this year. I am really excited about working with your children over the next year and I will do my very best to make sure they enjoy their time in Year 4. A little bit about me, I am a mum of one child and I have a mischeivous dog called Rosie. I love to stay active. I love running (up and down the streets of Darwen) and love walking up on Darwen Moors with my dog. I love to go on holiday and taking my little girl on days out and trips to places like the zoo. I love singing and playing instruments and love running the school choir. Please don't hesitate to talk to me before and after school, just to introduce yourself to me, have a chat or discuss your child.

Miss Wormald

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. For Autumn term 1, PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure you send your child in full kit on those days.

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.

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 are learning about the artist Henri Rousseau and recreating his famous work.

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