

Year 4

Meet the Teacher



2024-2025

The Year 4 Team

Miss Foster* 4F

Mr Oakes 4O

Miss Bates 4B

Mrs Taylor, Miss Skeer
& Mrs Hyman and Miss
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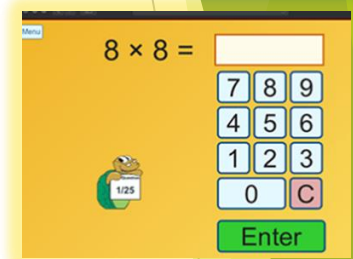
Accelerated Reader

- 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 on Thursdays. We are all very competitive!
- Reading logs should be brought into school each day.

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 2025.
- You can find a very similar timed test at <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>
- TTRS/Maths Shed 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.
- Other homework will be set on Seesaw on Thursdays and the children will have a week to complete it.
- Some weeks, homework will be topic based and other weeks it may be an online English or Maths task.

Topics covered in Y4 are:

- ▶ Water
- ▶ Local history: The Illuminations
- ▶ Africa
- ▶ The Tudors
- ▶ Europe
- ▶ The Romans in Britain

Other opportunities in Y4:

Y4 Wider Opportunities:

- ▶ Cornets Terms 1 & 2 4B Terms 3 & 4 4O Terms 5 & 6 4F
- ▶ Local history Heritage Project – St. Andrew's church, Cleveleys - Terms 2, 4 and 6
- ▶ Outdoor learning visit to Abbeystead
- ▶ Local Geography trip Wyre Estuary

Term 1 Health & Fitness

Blackpool Football Club Community Trust - Fit2Go program (Thursdays)

Swimming – at some point 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 Watts and Mrs Nicholson

General notes

- ▶ PE is on Thursdays & Fridays kits will be kept in school.
- ▶ School bags and pencil cases are not required.
- ▶ 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->

Norbreck's WhatsApp Group Guidelines ..for parents



Independent parent WhatsApp groups are a tool to share useful communication about school. Stay factual with whole class/ school information.

Do not use WhatsApp groups as a platform to discuss or spread rumours about children, teachers or parents.

NEVER discuss the needs or behaviour of specific children in school.

Only write what you would feel comfortable telling someone respectfully face-to-face.

Think before you post– is it true, helpful, necessary, kind?

Respect the ethos and values of our school.
Your actions should not bring the school into disrepute.

Avoid sharing personal views and beliefs.

Be a role model in your usage of social media. Children learn more from our own behaviour than they do from listening to us!

Norbreck strongly recommends that pupils do not use social media and WhatsApp groups.

If you share devices or accounts as a family, be aware of what your child may be able to access.

Support each other and the school community in making sure these guidelines are respected.

If you have a concern, make an appointment with an appropriate staff member who will be happy to help.

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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