



# Year 4 Autumn Term 2

Welcome back to school! Thank you to all of the children and also parents for all of your hard work during Autumn 1. We have had an amazing start to year 4 and the children have produced lots of great work and everyone has settled well into the Year 4 routines. We have a very exciting half term planned, including a Victorian school day, a visitor from a poet, and of celebrating a Victorian Christmas! Remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSSycamore](https://twitter.com/GPSSycamore) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 4!

## Important Dates:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November- Victorian Day

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parent’s Evening

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November - INSET DAY

WC – 15<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Poet visit

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Orienteering challenge

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Nativity

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Finish for Christmas

## French

In French, we will be looking at colours, days of the week, countries, and will be then looking at numbers 10- 20.

## English

In English, we are continuing with our live lessons with Teaching Live and Pie Corbett. Last half term, the children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and produced some amazing work on the blog.

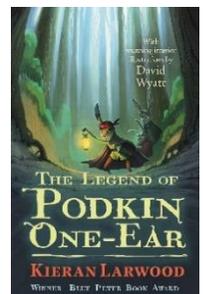
Our live lessons will be focusing on the novel ‘The Legend of Podkin One Ear’ and the children will be looking at the structure of the story to be able to write their own version towards the end of the half term. These lessons help the children to develop their vocabulary and structure of their writing.

Once we finish our live lessons, we will be specifically focusing on grammar and spelling. We will begin to look at fronted adverbials and how to punctuate these correctly in our writing. Our spelling parents will be to add suffixes and prefixes onto root words.



## Reading

In Autumn 2, we will continue to enjoy daily reading of our class novel ‘The Legend of Podkin One Ear.’ The story follows the struggles of Podkin (a rabbit), his sister Paz and baby brother Pook as they flee into the snowy woods after the evil Gorm begin a rampage. No one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.



## Maths

In Maths this half-term we will be focusing on using measures and we will then be moving on to multiplication and division. In measures, we will be using real life contexts to measure and compare the lengths of different objects we would be find in our school.

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## Science

In Science we will be starting a new topic ' Sound.' We will look at how sounds are made and how they travel to the ear whilst learning new vocabulary such as vibrations, volume and pitch. We will be doing lots of investigations and using our working scientifically skills to find out what happens to sound as we get further away and how the pitch changes depending on the object which produces it.

## RE

In RE, we will be exploring Christianity and will be specifically looking at God. In our RE lessons, we will be looking the Bible and how and why Christians use it. The children will begin by looking at figures of authority and how these might influence a person's life. We will then look at different readings from the Bible and discuss what they teach Christians.



## DT

In DT we will begin the topic by looking at the artist William Morris, who designed wallpaper in the Victorian Times. We are then going to look at Christmas cards and how they have changed over time. The children will be using their textiles skills to cross stitch their own design for a Christmas card.

## Topic

We start this half term with our Victorian School Workshop. The children will experience what life was like for children in the Victorian times. The children will build on their knowledge of chronology from Year Two to include placing events and people onto an historical timeline. We will start to explore main events and start to look and the changes that have happened over time, especially looking at schools and clothes. As we are looking at the Victorian Era we will spend some time and the changes that have happened throughout this period. We will finish our topic with a Victorian Christmas celebration.



## PSHE

We will continue to look at 'Valuing Difference'. We will look at differences between a diverse range of people from varying national, ethnic and religious backgrounds and how this can have an impact on how we treat people.

## Music

This half term, our music is going to be taught by a specialist who will be doing singing lessons. We will be learning how to sing in tune and pronounce words clearly when performing to an audience.

## Computing

In Computing we will be continuing to focus on using simple search technologies to research and we will also be recognising that some sources are more reliable than others.

## PE

This half term, we will continue to go swimming to All Seasons Leisure Centre. Please ensure children have their swimming kits on **THURSDAYS**.