



Townlands C of E Primary Academy

"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

Year Three/Four Autumn Term 2026 First Half term

TEACHERS: Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Burgess, Mr Emmerson and Mrs Thomas

A Message from the Year Three/Four Team

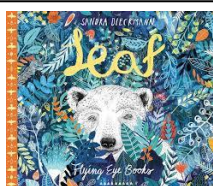
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the children to Year 3/4 and we hope they all had an enjoyable summer holiday. We are looking forward to the year ahead.

This term, our learning journey begins with an exciting geography topic. The children will develop their understanding of geographical vocabulary and consider how land is used in different ways. They will observe and compare land use in their local area and abroad.

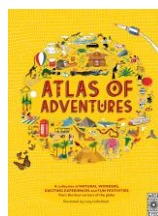
In June, all Year Four children will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check, which consists of 25 times table questions. We will prepare for this in class, but to further support your child's learning, please continue to help them to practice the times tables taught in previous years - the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. More information about this will be given throughout the year.

For more information about what we're covering this term, please refer to our Curriculum Map and Knowledge Organisers available on our class page.

Books we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading.



When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust.



This non-fiction text will enable children to explore places around the world while continuing to develop their vocabulary and deepen their geographical knowledge.



Journey to the far, wild north, to the Yukon Territory of north-western Canada. Be part of the pack and walk, run, howl, hunt, eat, sleep and dream like a wolf.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and is due in the following Thursday

- The homework task will be maths and based on MyMaths or with a theme-based project set to be completed at the end of half term. Details of your child's login has been given to them.
- Weekly spellings will be available on the Year 4 home learning page of the school website. Spellings will be tested on a Friday.
- Reading: All children have an Accelerated Reader reading record and reading book. Please listen to your child read at least five times a week and record in their reading record. Reading records will be checked on a Friday. Please ensure your child's reading record and reading book are in school every day.

PE

PE days:

3/4LW	3/4JB	3/4CE
Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday

It is important that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days. This needs to include an outdoor kit which is joggers, sweatshirt and trainers and indoor kit which is shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls.

Health & Safety reminder: No jewellery to be worn during PE lessons, however if earrings cannot be removed, then they need taping over. Please ensure that long hair is tied up.

Water

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice or flavoured water) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Keep looking at our pages on the website for information and activities. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to telephone or email the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook page and Arbor for the latest updates and successes.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 31st August - Bank Holiday - School closed

Tuesday 1st September - Meet the Teacher 3.05pm

24th, 25th, 28th and 29th September - Travelling Book Fair

Tuesday 6th October 2026 Tuesday 13th October 2026 Inclusion Surgery 8:35am to 9:00am

Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Festival - 10:00am at St Simon & St Jude Church - Year 2 to Year 6 only