Livingstone Road
Year 4 - Autumn 2 2026

Livingstone Road Primary Federation

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Autumn 2 in Year 4! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We cannot wait for all of the exciting learning opportunities that this half term will bring. We will be spending some time settling back into our school routines, as well as reminding ourselves about our school values and the code of conduct.

Our Year 4 Team:

- Ms Schneider - class teacher (Mon-Weds)
- Mrs Thomas - class teacher (Weds-Fri)

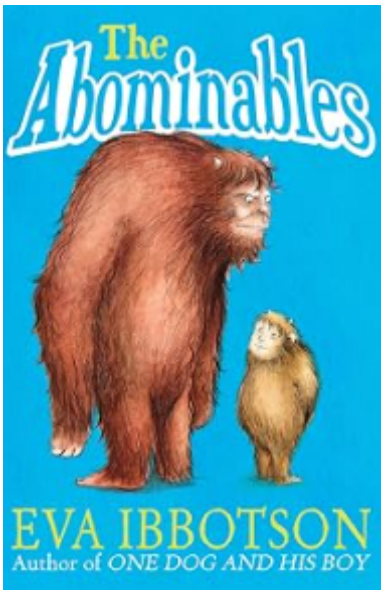
- Ms Lin - class T.A (mornings only)
- Miss Marshallsay



English – Reading & Writing

Our class novel this term is *Abominables* by Eva Ibbotson.

When Agatha Farlingham is kidnapped by a yeti in Tibet she soon discovers that the hairy monster is a clever and noble beast. But his children are in danger and he needs her help. So she sends them on a top-secret journey to England and the safety of her ancestral mansion. A rollicking adventure from one of Britain's most beloved storytellers.

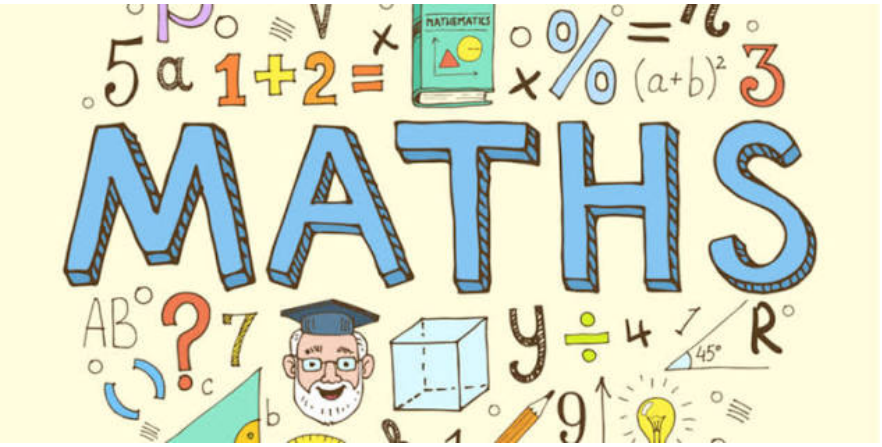


As well as reading *The Abominables* over the course of the half term, your child will also have daily opportunities to read and investigate a range of others texts, including fiction, non-fiction, picture books and poems.

Reading at home: Please continue to support your child to read at least 3 times every week for at least 20-minutes each time. At times, your child may choose to read to themselves but at other times, it is vital that they have the opportunity to read aloud to an adult and discuss what they are reading. Although your child may wish to write notes in their reading diary, an adult must sign the diary three times each week to confirm that they have completed this activity.

Our Writing Focus: We will be *The Abominables* and other reading to inspire our writing of a character description and an explanation text.

As well as learning how to compose texts, we will continue to practise our spellings and handwriting frequently every week. Spelling homework will now be sent home every Friday.



Maths

We will begin the half term by recapping our place value learning before focusing on addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division. We will continue to practice our times tables, in preparation for our MTC test in July, and embed key number skills, including our bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

Maths Fluency: We take part in regular Number Sense and TTRS (Times Table Rock Star sessions to support fluency. This helps the children learn key facts that they can apply to all areas of maths.

TTRS: Please make sure your child is practising their times tables on TTRS at least 3 times a week to improve their quick retrieval of facts. Their login details are inside the back cover of their reading diaries.

Wider Curriculum (Foundation Subjects)

Here is a look at what we will be exploring across other subjects this half term:

- **Science:** Sound – We will be learning about how sound is made; how vibrations travel to the ear; how to look after our ears; the link between volume and vibration and distance; and how sounds are used to make music.

- **Geography:** Mountains – We will be exploring the highest mountain in the world and learning about how mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes are formed/happen, and the link between these and the tectonic plates.

- **Art:** Painting – We will be learning about three key artists who use paint as their medium and how they all use hue, tone and tint. We will then be creating our own painted mountain landscapes inspired by our favourite artist.

- **PE:** Gymnastics and Ball Skills – Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school on these days in the correct P.E kit, including suitable footwear and appropriate outdoor clothes for the season. Hoodies are no longer allowed.

Reminders & Home Learning

- **Reading Diaries:** Please read with your child **3** times a week for **20-minutes** each and log this in their reading diary.
- **TTRS:** Please make sure your child logs in to their TTRS account at least **3** times a week to practise.
- **Spellings:** A spelling activity will be sent out every Friday. Please help your child to learn and practise the spelling rules as these will be monitored and assessed in future weeks.

Key Dates:

- **Thursday 12th December, 8.30-9.30am:** Year 4 Book café
- **Wednesday 9th December:** Year 4 trip to St Clement's Church (linked to R.E curriculum)
- **Thursday 17th December:** Junior School Winter Extravaganza Performance (further details to be sent out soon)
- **Friday 18th December:** end of Autumn 2