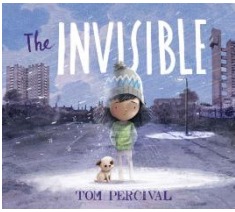
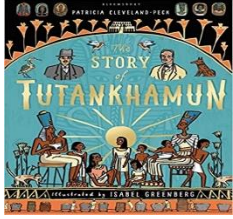


# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn 1



Core text(s) for English and Reading	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Invisible</b> Author: Tom Percival</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Story of Tutankhamun</b> Author: Patricia Cleveland-Peck</p> 
Reading for pleasure	<b>The Time-Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess</b> Julia Jarman
Focus areas for English/outcomes	<p>Identifying the subject and verb within sentences            Create complex sentences with adverbial starters            Choose vocabulary for effect            Vary sentence length for impact            Extend range of sentences used with more than one clause with a wide range of conjunctions (subordinating and coordinating)            Narrative: writing a speech</p>
Grammar focus	<p>Expanded noun phrases, adjectives, nouns and determiners            Fronted adverbials            Subordinating and Coordinating conjunctions            Use of stylistic features to support purpose ie emotive language</p>
Maths focus areas	<p><b>Place Value:</b> Representing and partitioning numbers up to 10,000, finding 1,10,100,1000 more or less, comparing numbers, rounding numbers.  <b>Addition and Subtraction:</b> Add and subtract 4 digit numbers, add and subtract with and without exchanging, using efficient strategies, estimating.</p>
Foundation subjects	<p><b>History:</b> Creating timelines; identifying key achievements; everyday life; role of religion; researching Tutankhamun  <b>Geography:</b> The physical and human geography of Australia            Identifying lines of latitude and longitude; comparing climate zones; researching different locations within Australia  <b>Science:</b> Sound. What causes sound; comparing the speed of sound and light; identifying pitch and volume  <b>Computing:</b> Computing systems and networks. Sharing information; websites; ownership  <b>Music:</b> Learning an instrument linked to our Australian topic  <b>Art:</b> Impressionist Art linked to Ancient Egypt looking at various artists including Laura Carlin, Shaun Tan and Hossam Dirar  <b>PHSE:</b> Relationships. Positive friendships; communication; behaviours  <b>RE:</b> Sikhism; beliefs; commitment; importance of prayer; Ramadan</p>

PE day (and kit expectations)

Your child's PE day will be on a Wednesday. Your child should wear their PE kit to school, with their school jumper on top. The PE kit should consist of a pale blue T-shirt or polo shirt, navy plain bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. The school has to teach the National Curriculum and PE is a vital element of this. Participating regularly in physical activity is important to develop habits for a healthy adult life.

A link to PE kit and uniform can be found here: [Kenley-Primary-Uniform-List-Updated-.pdf \(kenleyprimary.org.uk\)](http://kenleyprimary.org.uk/Kenley-Primary-Uniform-List-Updated-.pdf)

Children will also be swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Children must bring in their swimming kits, hat, goggles and towel in a bag on this day.

Key Dates

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: First swimming session at Whyteleaf School

Ways to help at home

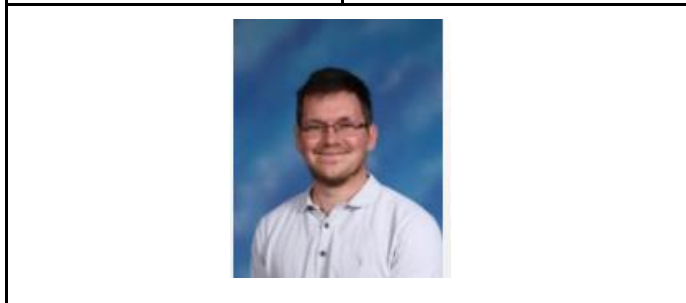




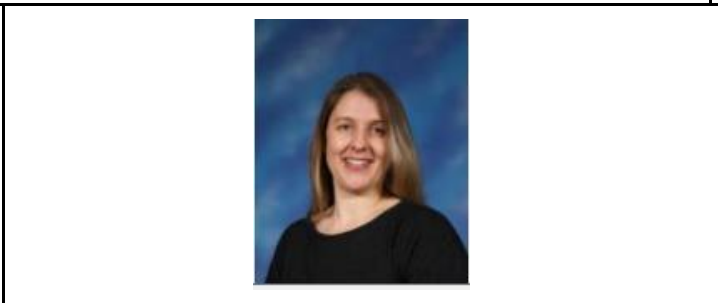
Please listen to your child read regularly and discuss the text they are reading. As their books become more complex, it is even more important they have the chance to discuss them with an adult. Please sign the reading record book and make a comment. Please encourage your child to learn their 'spelling words': a few minutes practice each day can make a big difference.

By Summer, your child is expected to have mastered their times tables, but they need regular practice to retain the information. Your child will have their own account and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. If they are not yet confident, this is a vital area to work on with them.

Your child will also have assignments set on **Splashlearn**. This is a maths website that they have access to at school and at home. The website is available at <https://uk.splashlearn.com/signin#/parent> and numeracy games can be played from any computer with internet access. It is linked to the national curriculum objectives for your child's year and there are games set to also revise key knowledge and skills. Your child will be able to practise core skills in a fun and exciting way. For more information, please feel free to ask any questions.



**Mr Packham**



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