

Hello and welcome to the Autumn term 2025

It has been fantastic to have the children back and continue their learning journey at Paxton Academy. They have all settled in well in their new classroom and have taken well to the expectations of Year 4. Already the children are working extremely hard and have an exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to continuing to get to know you all throughout the academic year.

A little about Mr Kizamba.

Hello, I'm Mr Kizamba! Many of you may have seen me around school, always smiling and sharing a laugh with the children at Paxton. When I get the chance, I enjoy going to the theatre, spending time with my friends, and treating myself to a Five Guys burger (shh... that's our little secret!). I also love playing games, going for a jog in the local park, and getting lost in a good book.

I'm really happy to be the Year 4 class teacher at Paxton Academy once again. The children here have always been so kind, making me feel welcome and part of the Paxton family. I'm excited about all the new things we have planned for the children this year.

Together, we'll work hard, support one another, and have plenty of fun along the way as we aim high and achieve great things.

Whole school text

This term as a school, we have been reading 'Almost Anything' written and illustrated by Sophie Henn. This is a story about a character, who with his friend's support, discovers the magic inside of him, helping him to believe in his own abilities. It explores themes of self-belief, resilience, courage, and perseverance. Children across the school studied this book for the first two weeks of the term and created wonderful pieces of work which have been displayed proudly in our school corridors.

Curriculum

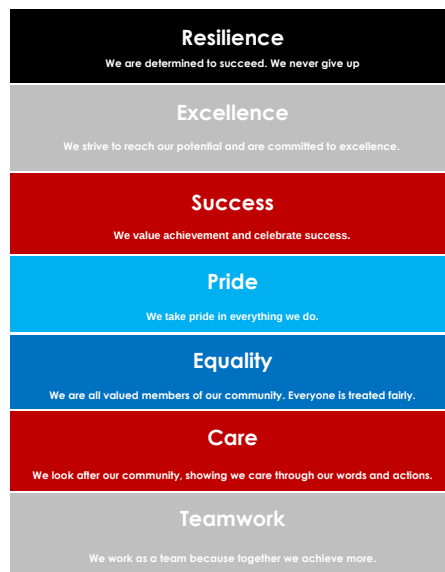
In Year 4 the children will follow the National Curriculum with some great topics that will create a love of learning. We will cover a range of subjects and will do our very best to ensure we are having fun with all areas of the curriculum! Please have a read of the curriculum webs throughout the year as they explain what we will be covering in each subject every half term.

PE

Year 4 have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes in their full PE kit on this day and wears appropriate footwear.

Our Core Values

At Paxton, our Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life. They are displayed in every classroom and provide the children and staff with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.



Homework Expectations

Your child will bring home two books: one will be a reading for pleasure book, for your child to read to you, discussing the pictures and asking questions about what they have heard. The second will be a decodable reading book.

Your child should also regularly access spelling shed, reading with parents and Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Please do let me know if there are any problems accessing these platforms and we will work to get this sorted out as soon as possible.

There will be a weekly assembly to celebrate children's high levels of engagement across all home learning platforms.

Other Information

As you may already know, Year 4 will be taking part in their Multiplication Tables Check later this year. Further details will be shared with you closer to the assessment.

Year 4 will also enjoy a number of exciting trips throughout the year and they will have swimming lessons in the summer term (27th April – 8th May).

Mr Kizamba