



# The Headlines



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Mayfield Primary School, Lytham St Annes

Headteacher: Mr G T Denton Date: Friday 17th January

'Ready For The Future'

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**CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS ARE NEXT WEDNESDAY:  
22ND JANUARY**

## NEW TERM: NEW IDEAS

Happy new year and term to everyone. Two weeks in and this is the first chance to sit down and update you all on what we've been doing and how things continue to progress and develop.

Exciting developments in our classrooms and school environments as we commence a new calendar year. I have mentioned in recent times about our most recent curriculum review (the third review since I became headteacher). It is important to regularly review what we plan and teach and what impact we see upon the learner's knowledge, skills and interest levels. Lots of this review is ongoing as it takes a long time to gradually update and implement revisions but here are some of the things that we have done for January 2025 to further improve what we do for our children:

- ◆ **Subject leaders** are supporting, on a practical level, the delivery of their subject in each year group. They have refreshed the planning and are working with each year to enhance the delivery of this. **This has begun this week with DT, Music, PE, Computing, Art and Geography receiving this for various year groups.** This will continue across the term as we aim to develop the offer in each subject. This is also allowing our subject leaders to maintain strong understanding of what their subject looks like across school which aids our assessments of its quality.
- ◆ **Revised and updated themes and content** have been prepared for each year group and these have begun to take effect. Our focus has been upon reducing and sharpening content and coverage and further ensuring progression across the various year groups. We have also considered how we feel the children can best record and present their learning.
- ◆ Some units have altered in certain subjects and the historical theme has altered slightly in some year groups. Year 2 will be taking a more in-depth look at activists and historians within their previously titled 'Desert Island Heroes'. Year 3 are going to expand the extensive Romans theme across Spring Term as there is still so much we want to cover and feel is essential. Year 4 are going to pick up a similar Viking study which allows for a more in-depth look at this period of history than we had previously intended. Whilst Year 5 & 6 will study brand new themes called: The Kingdom of Benin (Y5) and The Fylde Coast At War (Y6). These new additions allow us to add more breadth and historical concept work to our studies.
- ◆ The **learning environment** across school is receiving an upgrade. It is four years since we last upgraded aspects of this and we have begun this work. The challenge is making these revisions whilst school is operational but it is very worthwhile. Our classrooms are receiving an upgrade with a continued focus upon support and independence and the ability to re-cap current and prior learning. The celebration corridors will see a combination of updated displays and brand new screens to more readily and visibly celebrate learners' achievements.
- ◆ New **Subject Champions** are being chosen at the moment. This provides children with the chance to become a lead figure and voice on a specific subject and work with the subject lead and subject support staff weekly to celebrate and consider their subject. Staff will be contacting the relevant children and families in the coming days.

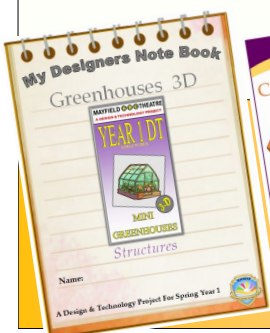
During Autumn Term, to aid our review, we asked external professional **Craig Batley** (who is a highly respected school and curriculum specialist from Yorkshire) to come over and assist with this process. I tell you this so you know that with review comes the desire for external challenge and scrutiny which is so important to continued school improvement.

**Miss Haythornthwaite, Mrs Czarnecka and myself** have been busy creating our own curriculum support documents to aid Computing, DT and history and these are now in use. (See image below.)

I will be making films in the coming weeks as work progresses on each of these areas to show you what they are all about.

See you all soon.

Mr Denton



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## FORTHCOMING DATES

**All dates for 2024-2025 and term dates for 2025-2026 are on:**

<https://www.mayfield12.lancsngfl.ac.uk>

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## SPRING TERM 2025

### JANUARY

**From Mon 13th: SPRING TERM EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS BEGIN**

Fri 17th: 5JG Learning Presentation for Parents @ 2.15 in ABC Theatre

Wed 22nd: Class Photographs

Fri 24th: 4AC Learning Presentation for Parents @ 2.15 in ABC Theatre

Fri 31st: 4VM Learning Presentation for Parents @ 2.15 in ABC Theatre

### FEBRUARY

Thu 6th: **Mayfield Together & Parent Forum @ 6.00pm**

Fri 7th: 3ND Learning Presentation for Parents @ 2.15 in ABC Theatre

Wed 12th: **Parents Evening 3.20 - 6.30**

Fri 14th: **SCHOOL FINISHES @ 3.15PM FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**

**Mon 24th: SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING TERM 2**

Wed 26th Feb - Tue 4th March: **BOOK FAIR**

Fri 28th: 2PB Learning Presentation for Parents @ 2.15 in ABC Theatre

### MARCH

Thu 6th: **World Book Day - NON-UNIFORM** (Theme to be confirmed shortly.)