

PE

Children in Year 4 will have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will need to arrive in school wearing their school PE kit: White t-shirt, plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and their school jumper.

Homework

Pupils have the following homework handed out on Thursday each week:

- Weekly spellings
- Reading (each night for at least 15 minutes. Sign reading records at least 3 times per week.)
- Projects linked to learning in class to complete over the term.

Homework should be handed in by Monday each week. Spellings will be tested on Friday.

Year 4 Reading Challenge



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★ Own choice book	Voices in the Park Anthony Browne	The Elephant's friend Marcia Williams	The boy who cycled the world Alastair Humphreys	Why the whales came Michael Morpurgo
Teacher Recommends 👍	The Firework maker's daughter Phillip Pullman	★ Own choice book	The Magic Muffin Neil Patrick	A dangerous game Malorie Blackman
Skunk and Badger Amy Tonericko	The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane Kate DiCamillo	The monster spotter's Handbook Matt Cherny	Desirable Frank Cottrell Boyce	★ Own choice book
The Demon Hoodmaster Gillian Cross	Anisha Accidental Detectives Sarona Patel	Me Ethridge Recommends 👍	★ Own choice book	Charlotte's Web E.B.White
Protect the Planet Jess French	★ Own choice book	I don't like Poetry Joshua Sogal	Teacher Recommends 👍	The Snow- Walkers son Catherine Fisher

Reading Challenge

Your child will be completing a new reading challenge and during this half term aim towards their bronze award. This will mean that they have read 8 age-appropriate texts over a variety of genres. We look forward to celebrating with the pupils as they begin their challenges. Let's get reading!



'Growing Together in Newtown'
Lifelong Aspirations, Lifelong Prospects

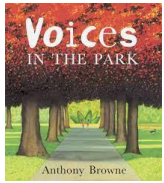
Your child's learning in Year 4

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Reading

During Autumn 1 we will be reading 'Voices in the park' by Anthony Browne a text which uses story and imagery to tell the story of a shared space through the voices of four different characters. The differing perspectives of each very different character give a fascinating depth to this simple story which explores themes such as alienation and anger as well as friendship and hope. Throughout the week, pupils will develop their reading skills, by exploring the vocabulary, making inferences, and using retrieval skills to answer questions about the text.



PSHE

During this term, we will be exploring being me in the world where children explore their place as part of a team and the responsibilities this holds.

Music

As musicians, the children will learn to play Cello and Violin. These are taught by specialist teachers from the music service. We will also look at the music unit Mamma Mia.



Computing

This term we will learn how to use image, text, transitions and animations in presentation slides. We will use explore how to share our work with others enabling us to work collaboratively with teams online.



Writing

Throughout Autumn, we will be exploring the genres poetry and rags to riches.

The poetry unit will focus on a book which includes a range of pictures and sculptures on display at the Tate Modern with a poem written by Grace Nichols.

In the second half of the term, we will utilise the rags to riches tale of Jack and the dream sack a story of dreams and wonder of a young boy who brings his wonderful dreams on a fantastic journey to the waking world.

Spellings will be given out on a Friday and will be tested the following Thursday. It is important that these are practised, as we expect our pupils to independently apply these in their writing.



Science

As scientists, we will develop our understanding of teeth and digestion. We will be exploring the big question: *What parts of the body are involved in the digestive process?*

This biology unit teaches pupils about human teeth, animal teeth, the organs in the human digestive system and how that digestive system works. By the end of this unit children will have developed their own working model of the human digestive system.

Your child will also develop their scientific enquiry skills through investigating some of the above.

Art

As artists, we will be refining our artistic skills of hatching and shading. We will have the opportunity to use our skills to create sketches and artwork using charcoal and wax.



Maths

As mathematicians, during the first half of the Autumn term we will be embedding number place value. During this unit your child will start using negative numbers and will learn how to round numbers. They will also use numbers well into the 1000s and will start reading and writing Roman numerals.

Later in the term your child will learn to solve addition and subtraction problems involving numbers up to four digits. They will use lots of different methods, including using objects, diagrams, and formal written methods.

To enable us to be fluent with times tables, we ask that you log in to TTRockstars.

History

As historians, we will be delving into the grisly past of the Romans. We will go on a journey from the first attempted invasion in 55BC to the point at which the Romans left Britain in around 410AD. The unit follows the Roman forces as they made their way around the country invading different tribes - often successfully but sometimes unsuccessfully. We will even have the opportunity to talk to a real-life Roman soldier!



RE

This term pupils will be exploring the religion Islam and how the 5 pillars of Islam influence Muslims lives all over the world.

Our whole school value is Thankfulness.