

## 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.)
- Children are to log in and play on TT Rockstars for 10 minutes every day.

Spellings will be tested on Friday.

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Own choice book	The Elephant's Friend Marcia Williams	Ask your teacher to recommend a book 	A Dangerous Game Malorie Blackman	The Demon Headmaster Gillian Cross
Fleam David Wiesner	Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink Jennifer Killick	Own choice book	Anisha Accidental Detective Serena Patel	Charlotte's Web E B White
Skunk and Badger Amy Timberlake	Planet Omar Zarib Mian	The Voices in the Park Anthony Browne	The Snow Walkers Son Catherine Fisher	Own choice book
Salah (Ultimate Football Heroes) Mat and Tom Oldfield	Planet Stan Elaine Wickson	Why The Whales Came/ Kensuke's Kingdom Michael Morpurgo	Own choice book	I Don't Like Poetry Joshua Seigal
Protect the Planet Jess French	Own choice book	Ask your teacher to recommend a book 	The Firework-Makers Daughter Philip Pullman	The Colours of History: How Colours Shaped the World Clive Gifford

Bronze Award - 8 books

Silver Award - 15 books

Gold Award - 25 books

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'Growing Together in Newtown'  
*Lifelong Aspirations, Lifelong Prospects*

Your child's learning in Year 4  
Spring Term 2

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## Multiplication Test

The children will be taking part in a Multiplication Tables Check in June this year. They are practising their times tables up to 12 every day and it would be great if children also practised at home as well. If you have any queries, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

## Reading

During Spring 2 we will be focusing on the fiction text 'Why the Whales Came' by Michael Morpurgo. This historical adventure focuses on Gracie and her friend Daniel who had always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But they find a message in the sand and discover that the Birdman is not who they thought.

Throughout the term, we will develop our reading skills, by exploring the vocabulary, making inferences, and using retrieval skills to answer questions about the text.

## RE

This term pupils will be exploring the religion Christianity and looking into why Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'. They will be discovering the events which lead up to Jesus' death and resurrection through Holy Week.

Our school value this term is Justice.



## PSHE

During this term, we will be discussing the theme 'Healthy Me'. We will be learning about how friendship groups are made up, what makes a healthy friendship and also how we can resist peer pressures.



## Computing

This term we will be learning how to design a website. We will learn how to add pages, images and our own themes. We are going to be learning how to create a professional looking website. By the end of the unit, we will have our own website with a range of features.



## Writing

Throughout Spring 2, we will be exploring adverts and fantasy stories.

The advert unit will focus on persuading people to take care of the planet to protect the Amazon Rainforest and help it to recover.

In the second half of the term, we will be focusing on fantasy stories. Throughout this unit we will be practising how to implement description about characters and settings.

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 living things and their habitats. We will be exploring the big question: *What are some of the features that make living things different?*

This unit teaches us about animal groups and their habitats. By the end of this unit, we will be able to identify different animals and classify them into different groups.

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

## French

As linguists, we will learn the names of clothes in French. We will listen to and join in with a poem and song in French. We will sort words according to our likes and dislikes and use this knowledge when speaking and writing French phrases.

## Maths



As mathematicians, during Spring Term 2 we will be looking into fractions. We will be exploring what mixed numbers and improper fractions are and how we can convert between these. We are also going to be learning about equivalent fractions, as well as adding and subtracting fractions.

To enable us to be fluent with times tables, we ask that you log in to TT Rockstars for 10 minutes each day. Start on Garage mode for at least 3 minutes!

## Geography

Throughout the spring term, we will be learning about the Amazon: exploring the Amazon rainforest and rivers. We will be learning about the importance of the Amazon and why it is a significant part of the world we live in today. We will be discussing whether the Amazon should be protected or not.

## Music

As musicians, we will continue to learn how to play the Cello and Violin. These are taught by specialist teachers from the music service. We will also look at the music unit Blackbirds.



## DT

As designers, we will be learning how to make a slingshot car. We will learn how to plan and build the body of a car effectively and trial out the product to draw a conclusion from the results.