

Welcome to Year 4!

4B – MISS BECK, MISS STACEY

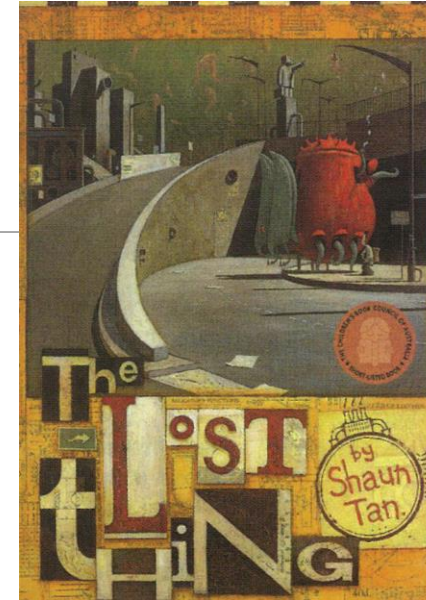
4MW – MRS MACKIE, MISS WOOLLATT, MR BONEHILL

Overview of topics

Autumn Term – Road to Rio/Amazon Rainforest

Class book – The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Writing – The Lost Thing, The Wild Robot, Visit Rio, Life in the Amazon, Poetry



Spring Term – Antarctica/Biomes

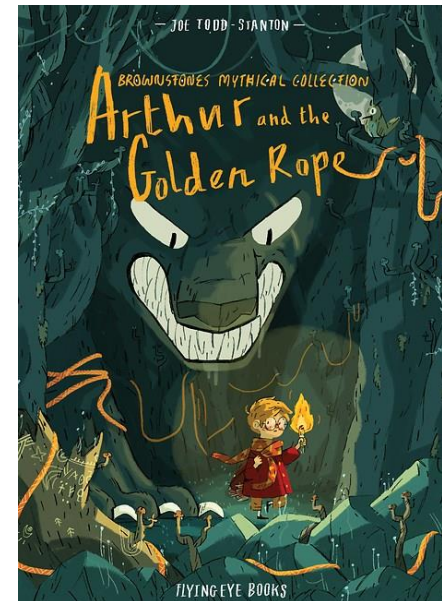
Class book – The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Writing – The Digestive System, Gorilla non-chronological reports

Summer Term – Vikings/Anglo Saxons

Class book – Varjak Paw by SF Said

Writing – Saga of Biorn, Anglo-Saxons, Varjak Paw, Poetry



Writing

Writing to **entertain, inform** and **persuade**.

Our writing will link to our topics and class texts e.g. writing a persuasive leaflet about Rio.

Year 4 Writer Expectations:

- Consistently-punctuated sentences
- Joining ideas with conjunctions e.g. because, so, but, and
- Using paragraphs to organise ideas
- Varying how their sentences begin
- Joining handwriting

Maths

- Place Value
- Properties of shape
- Column method for addition and subtraction
- Mental methods

How can you support your child in Maths?

- Times Table Rockstars – please practise at home!
- Analogue time – use clocks at home to practise telling the time.



Multiplication Check

What is it?

- A national assessment of children's understanding of their times tables up to 12 x 12.

When is it?

- Summer term

How long is it?

- Each child has 6 seconds to input their answer to 25 random times tables which tends to take around 5 minutes in total including short breaks between questions.

How can you help?

- Supporting times table practice with you child at home using TTRS or written work sheets.

Reading

- Read a class text together each term
- Understand the text/grow vocabulary
- Read with fluency and expression
- Understanding different reading domains and how to answer different question types

How can you support your child with their reading?

- Read with your child at least 4x a week
- Write in your child's reading record and sign it
- Re-reading books for sight vocabulary



Foundation Subjects



Geography – Brazil, Climate Zones and Biomes

History – Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

Science – Sound, Electricity, States of Matter, Human Digestive System, Classification

P.E – This term:

4B – Monday & Thursday

4MW – Monday & Tuesday

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Swimming starts Monday 21st September

Reminders

- Reading at least 4x a week
- Homework & Spellings (**OUT Friday, IN Tuesday**)
 - P.E Kits
 - Healthy snacks
- Y4 Residential to Croft Farm 4th-5th May 2027

Today's activities

Using the written worksheets provided, begin to explore the times tables up to 12 x 12!

These create a multiplication square the children can use to help them when remembering their times tables.

Learning and remembering their times tables will be easier if it's fun so we always recommend some friendly competition – can you beat your child in answering all of the times tables?