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Year 4
Welcome Meeting
September 2023

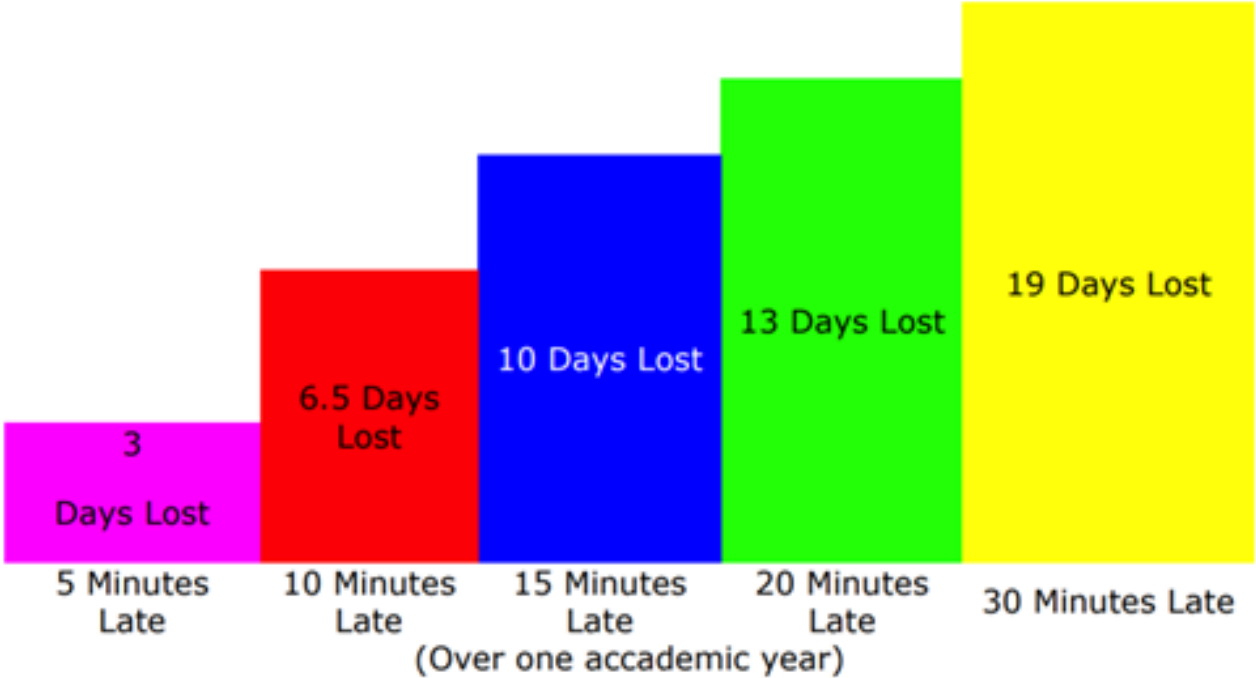
Introducing Year group teachers and teaching support

- ▶ Miss Rich - Class teacher
- ▶ Mrs Harbut - Learning support

Importance of school attendance

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



365 days in each year

175 non school days a year		175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments			
190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action	

Our Year 4 Curriculum

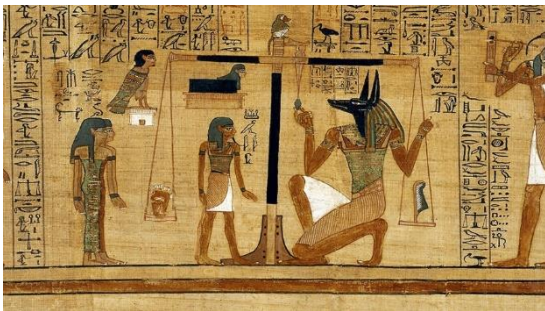
- ▶ There will be 3 history and 3 geography topics throughout the year, changing each half term.

Autumn

The journey of a river.

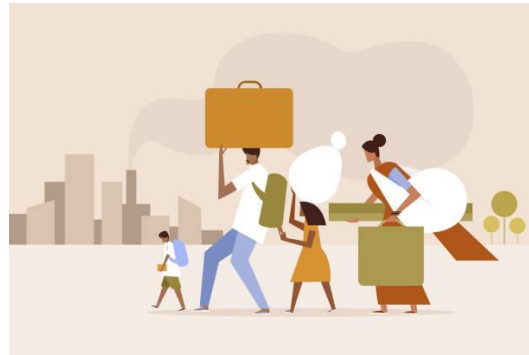


The Egyptians - Who was Tutankhamun?



Spring

Migration (A Brazil case study)



Henry VIII and the Tudors.



Summer

The changing role of women and how they have changed our world.



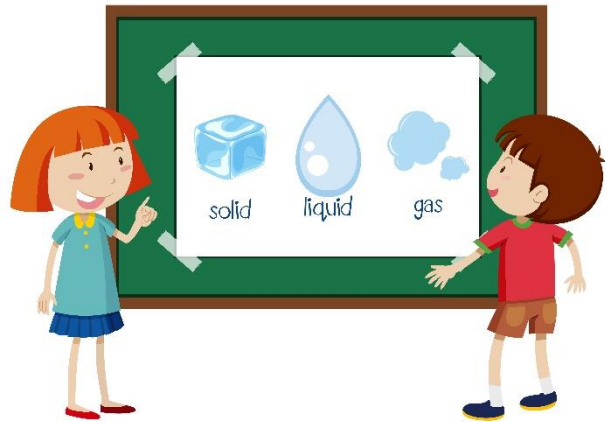
Lost and Found - Navigating the great outdoors.



Our Year 4 Science Curriculum

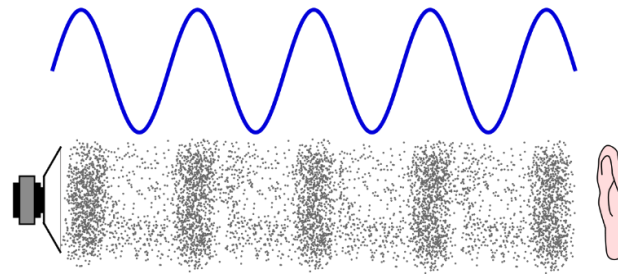
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States of Matter

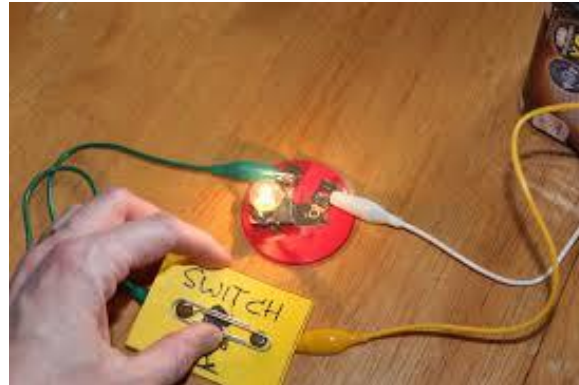


Spring

Sound



Electricity

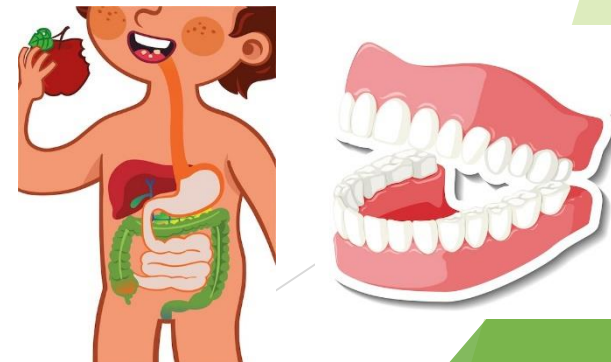


Summer

Living things and their habitats



Animals including humans



PE Curriculum

► PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Earrings must not be worn for PE.

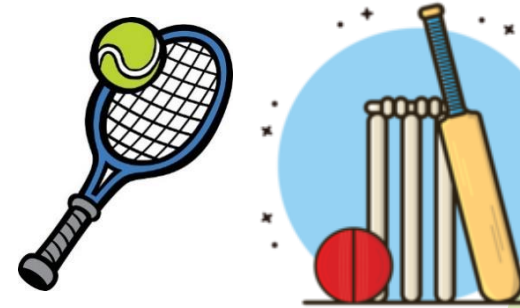
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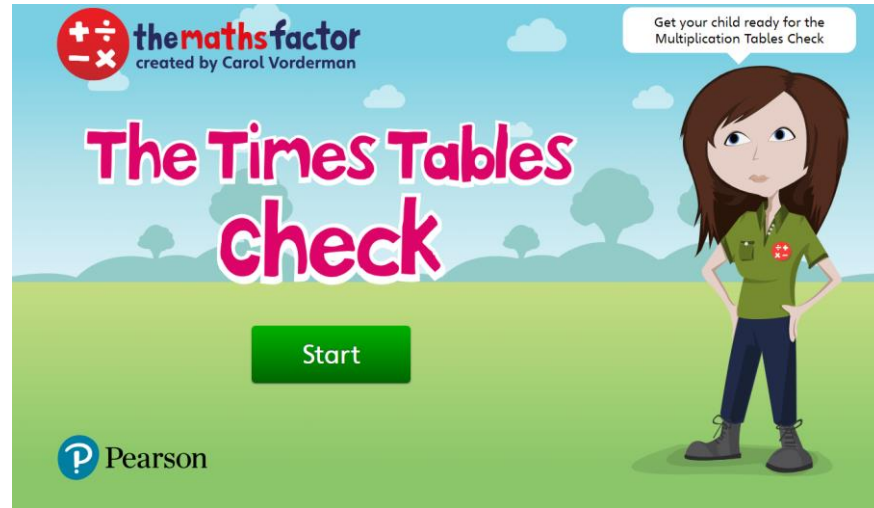
Summer



Multiplication Tables Check

In year 4, pupils will complete the multiplication tables check within the 2-week period from Tuesday 4th June 2024.

Games that will help with practising:



Multiplication Tables Check

This activity exactly mirrors the 'Multiplication Tables Check' that will be given to children at the end of Year 4. They are tested on their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12. There are twenty-five questions and children have six seconds to answer each question and three seconds between questions. The questions are generated randomly using the same rules as the 'Multiplication Tables Check' (see below).

Results can be downloaded and printed at the end of the test.

A similar activity which tests recall of number bonds can be found here.

For more multiplication games click here.

Multiplication Table	Minimum number of items in each form	Maximum number of items in each form
1	Not applicable	Not applicable



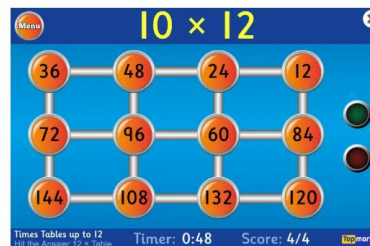
Home > Maths Games > Hit the Button

Hit the Button

Play Game

Hit the Button is an interactive maths game with quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, doubling and halving, multiples, division facts and square numbers. The games, which are against the clock, challenge and develop mental maths skills. An untimed, practise mode is available in our [Hit the Button app](#) along with lots more extra features.

The activities can be matched to appropriate



Home/Mathematics/Times Tables



Reading at Little Waltham

► Reading is a key life skill. Research tells us that children who read regularly:

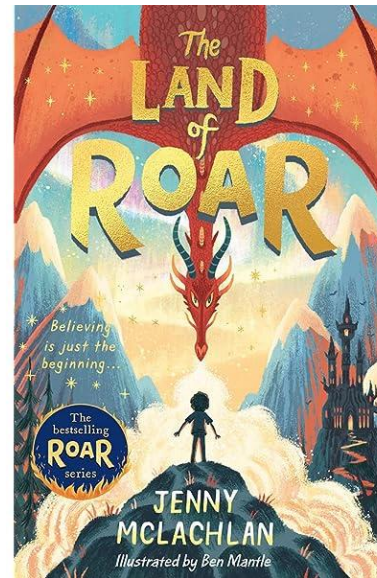
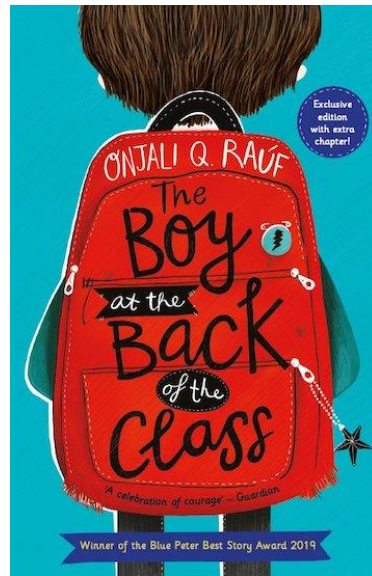
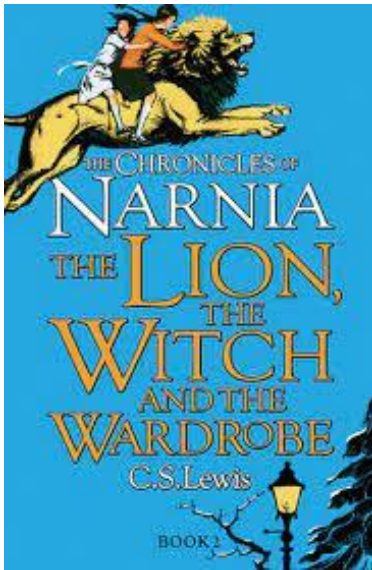
- have a larger and more extensive vocabulary
- perform better academically
- are better able to use their imagination
- develop their creativity
- develop empathy.
- gain a deeper understanding of their world
- show improved concentration levels.
- can create stronger bonds with their parents
- show improved cognitive development
- can improve their social skills and interaction

Ways to support your child at home:

- Encourage regular reading of a range of text types
- Share books together to encourage a love of reading
- Discuss vocabulary encountered when reading

Reading in Year 4

- ▶ We have our class text each term that we base our reading sessions around. We look at vocabulary, retrieval and inference skills, predictions, characters and plots.



- ▶ We also have weekly sessions looking at a range of text types: non-fiction, poetry, picture books, songs etc. to become familiar with a range of language and text features.

Homework

- ▶ Homework will be given out each Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday.
- ▶ Children will receive 10 spellings each week that should be practised at home. We will also look at these each week in school and they will be tested on a Friday.

Handwriting and presentation

- ▶ We have high standards of handwriting and presentation in school. Please reinforce high expectations at home when completing homework.

School trips

- ▶ We are looking to head out of school into the local area for some elements of our geography work.
- ▶ Later in the Autumn term we are planning an Egyptian workshop to take place in school.
- ▶ In the Spring Term, the children will go to the Year 4 Superstars sporting event.
- ▶ We will continue to look into lots of opportunities for the children to enhance their learning of our topics.

Important dates:

- Headteacher coffee morning - 27th September at 9:15am
- Harvest Festival - 28th September at 9am
- Author visit to school - 10th October
- Science Day - 30th October
- Book Fair - 9th to 14th November
- Superstars - 6th February
- World Book Day - 7th March
- Class assembly - 20th March at 9am
- Times table check - 4th to 14th June
- Macbeth performance - 16th July at 9am

How to best support your child in Year 4

- ▶ Reading with your child daily and regularly questioning what has been read will make a huge difference.
- ▶ Number skills in Mathematics - number bonds, learning times tables. Using websites such as TT Rockstars.
- ▶ Supporting handwriting at home.



Thank you for coming!

I look forward to working with you
this year 😊