

Year Leader's message:

It is lovely to have the children back in school for the Summer Term. I am very proud of the dedication that they have shown to their learning during this very unusual school year. In the difficult circumstances of the Spring term lockdown, the teachers in year 4 were impressed with the hard work pupils were putting into their learning at home; we thank you for your support with this.

This term, please ensure that your children come to school suitably equipped for the weather and be mindful that windows will remain open in the classrooms. The majority of children continue to look really smart in their uniforms; please ensure that is maintained and your children are not wearing trainers or jewellery to school.

The Summer Term in year 4 will be busy and full of interesting learning opportunities for the children, please read on to find out what they will focus on in subjects across the curriculum.

If you need to speak to a member of the year 4 team, please do not hesitate to contact us, either by telephone or via our year group email: year4@mpjs.org.uk

Times Tables:

At the end of last term, your child brought home their times table challenge booklet. Please continue to support your child in learning their times tables at home, this is a vital part of their learning as it provides a foundation for learning in other areas of mathematics.

Bronze, silver and gold awards (with beautiful glittery star brooches) are available for the children to earn when they have completed each of the challenges in their booklet.

Times tables are best secured through rote learning; practising them little and often.

Please remember to practise the times tables in the order of the booklet and do not move on until each times table is secure. There is a useful instruction page on the inside of your child's booklet.



PE lessons

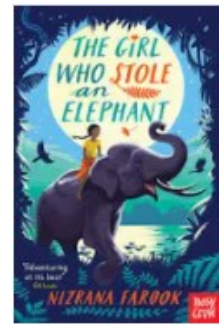
PE lessons take place on a **Tuesday morning**. Children will need to continue attending school **wearing a PE kit on this day** (including a **waterproof coat**). They should not be wearing trainers on other days.

Reading Journals

Please read with your child every day. This can be any reading: books, recipes, instructions, newspapers, and can be paper or online. The children will bring home stickers for you to record their reading on. These need to be brought back into school to be stuck into reading journals in order to earn reading badges.

In English lessons, year 4 are studying 'The Girl who stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook.

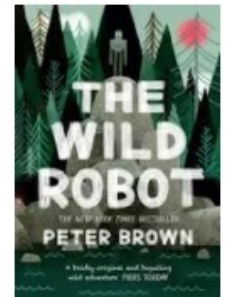
In this jungle story, where the backdrop is richly Sri Lankan, Chaya is a bold and principled adventurer and righter of wrongs. As this fearless schoolgirl endeavours to help others, she is forced into a jungle, with her two companions, facing danger and dilemmas – but is ably assisted by the elephant she stole. As the story unfolds, the reader is able to recognise Chaya's strength of character, loyalty, compassion and ingenuity.



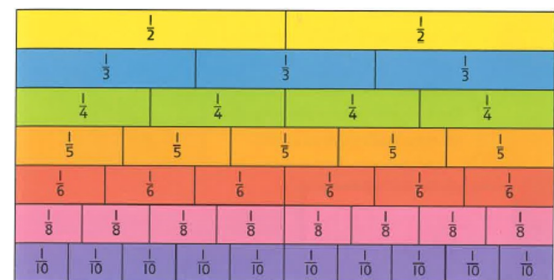
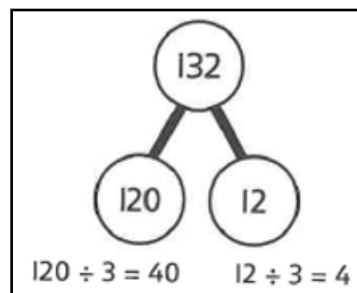
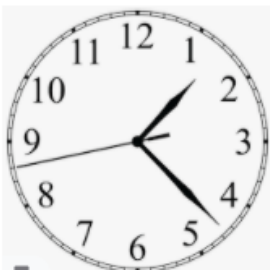
The children are enjoying reading this book as it is full of suspense and rich description. They have produced some writing in role to explore and develop empathy for the characters.

Next, they will read 'The Wild Robot' another fiction book, written and illustrated by Peter Brown.

A robot is accidentally activated, having been washed up on a remote island when a cargo ship sinks. At first the animals that inhabit the island fear Roz but she soon becomes a significant member of their community, adopting an orphaned gosling and providing shelter for them during the winter.



Our primary focus in Maths is to ensure children are ready for year 5 after the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be dedicating time to focus on key skill areas. Over the next 12 weeks we will be learning about: fractions and decimals, time, statistics and geometry. We will also be revisiting the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to strengthen your child's understanding.



Our History Learning Question for this half term is:

Was Alfred 'Great'?

An investigation into how the famous Saxon king became known as 'Alfred the Great'.

Our Science Learning Questions for this half term are:

What is the Water Cycle?

What is a food chain?

Our Geography Learning Question for this half term is:

What is Europe?

Learning about what a continent is and about the countries that make up Europe.

Reminder

For pupils in Year 4, school begins at **08.45** and ends at **15.15**