Pownall Green
Primary School

Love learning, love life!

Welcome to

Year 4

4P – Miss Green-Rydings

4G – Mrs Peters (Mon, Tues), Mr Carroll (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Year 4 Curriculum Overview

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Science	Living Things and their habitats	Animals inc humans	States of matter (inc water cycle)	Electricity	Sound	
History		Ancient Greeks their influence on the western world		Roman Empire and its impact on Britain		
Geography	**Locational knowledge:** Europe		**Place knowledge:** Northern Italy (4)		**Physical Geography and Fieldwork**: Rivers Volcanoes and earthquakes	
Art		**Sculpture** Grayson Perry Papier Mache Pots		**Drawing and photography** Karl Blossfeldt		**Painting** Klimt - the tree of life **Landart** Andy Goldsworthy
DT	Levers and Linkages		Pizza		Torches	
Computing	Digital Literacy **Keynote** – Line Draw Animation **Adobe Express/Comic Life** - Digital Poster **Microbits/makecode** – Microbit Get Off my Stuff!		Digital Literacy **Google Forms** – Online Questionnaire **Adobe Aero -** AR Museum **Doink Greenscreen/ iMovie** – Understanding the internet		Digital Literacy **iMovie and Garage band** - Movie Soundtrack **Adobe Spark Video** – Dynamic Video **Crumble -** Historic Scenes	
PSHE	Mental health and self-care Jealousy Risks of an inactive lifestyle Dental health Effects of alcohol	Alcohol and risk Limits to drinking alcohol First aid – broken bones/choking	The human lifecycle What is puberty? Puberty changes and reproduction Loss, grief and bereavement Appropriate touch ***(consent)*** Online bullying ***(peer on peer abuse)***	Solving disputes and conflicts amongst friends Assertiveness Finding common ground Showing acceptance	Exploring risk Recognising and managing risk in our local area Road safety Managing money effectively Loans and interest	The oceans and plastic The problem with plastic Saving the world Conflicting feelings and how to manage them Transition – setting goals and recognising what we are good at
RE	Why is life like a journey?	Christmas Carol concert	Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?		What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right or wrong?	
PE	Gym, Games	Dance, Games	Gym, Games Swimming	Dance, Games Swimming	Tennis Games - Athletics	
Music	Body and tuned percussion (Rainforests)	Samba and carnival sounds and instruments (Rivers)		Instrumental Scheme- South America	Instrumental Scheme- Indonesia	
French	Introducing Myself	My Family	At The Café	The Olympics	The Classroom	Goldilocks

4 big things to look forward to in Year 4

- Greek workshop
- Shakespeare Festival
- Trip to Chester - Romans
- River trip

The Children's Shakespeare Festival

The Children's Shakespeare festival is a fabulous opportunity to perform on stage at The Lowry Theatre.

We will explore a Shakespeare play through drama and English lessons in the classroom, then devise their own performance before coming together with up to 8 schools to perform.



4 things to master in

Year 4

- Reading
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Times Tables

Reading

In school

- *Reading for Pleasure* – Children choose their own books from our well-stocked school and class libraries or bring in a suitable text from home. They have time in class to read for pleasure.

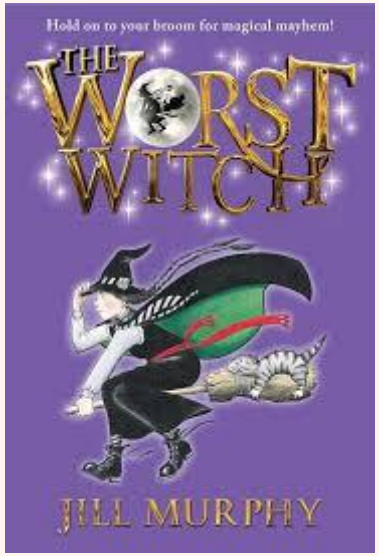
- *Whole-class Book Club* – As a class, children read and discuss full novels from our Book Club spine developing their reading skills and fluency.

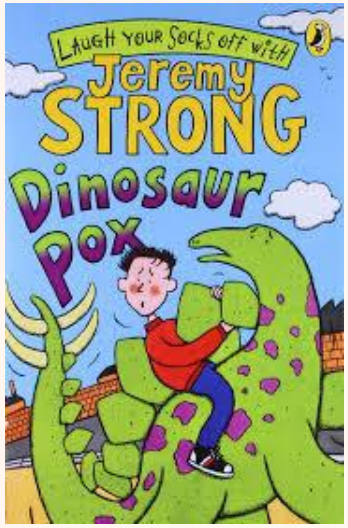
- *Weekly dedicated Reading Lesson* –Children develop comprehension skills and fluency through reading high-quality, carefully chosen extracts from a range of non-fiction, poetry, classic and contemporary fiction. This takes place once a week.

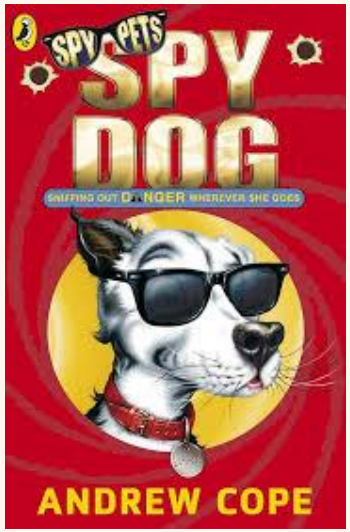
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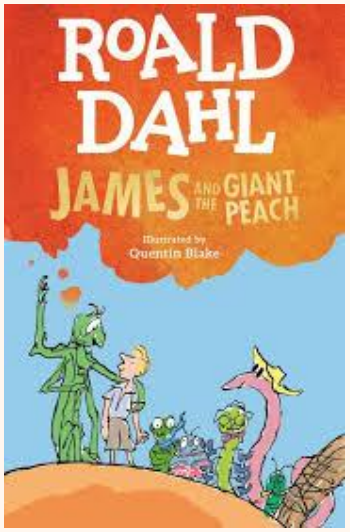
- *Reading homework* – Read for at least 20 minutes a day, at least 4 times a week.

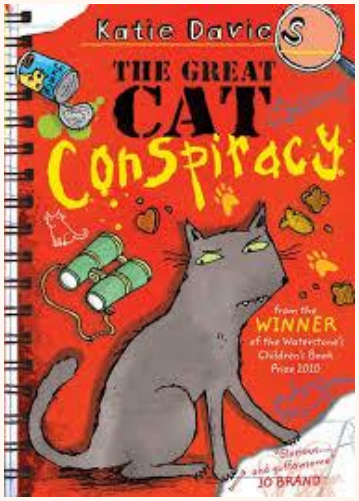
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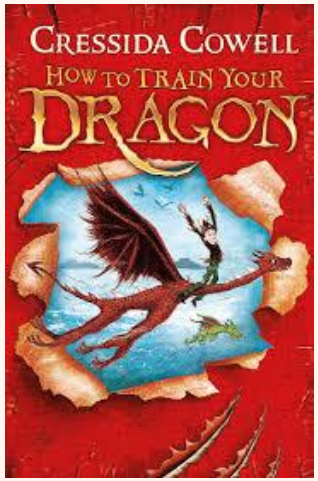




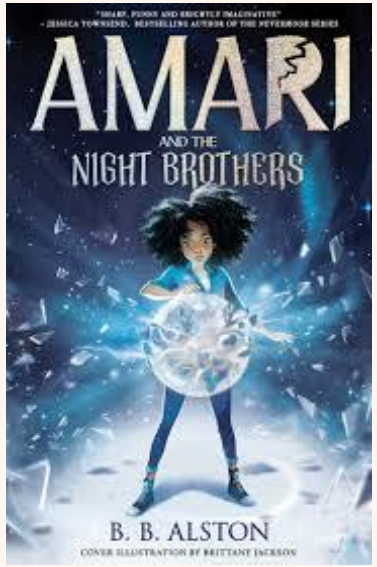






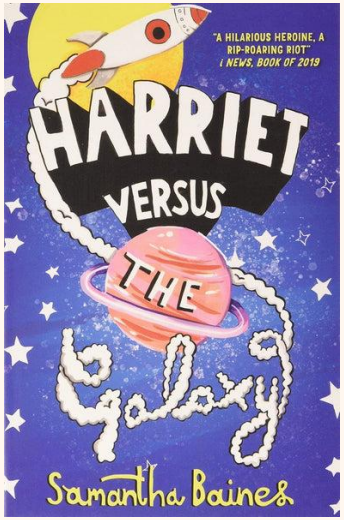


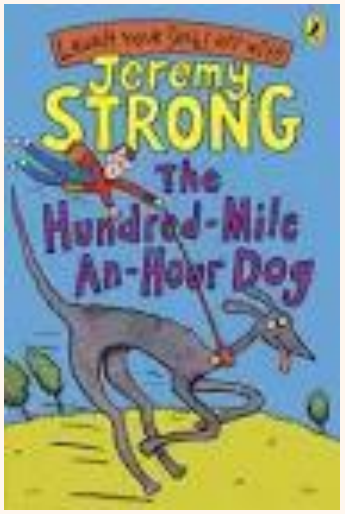




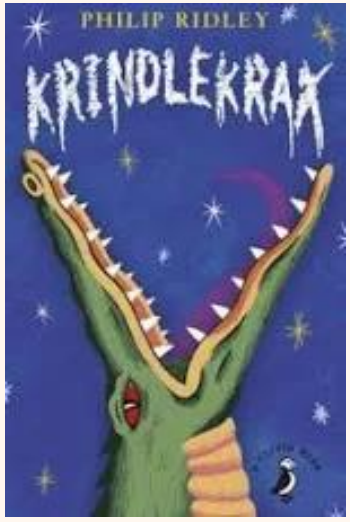
Choose 5 titles to read. You must read 5 of these before you start Year 5!

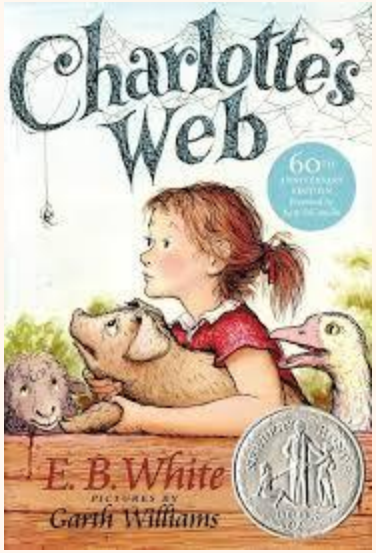
Book club books

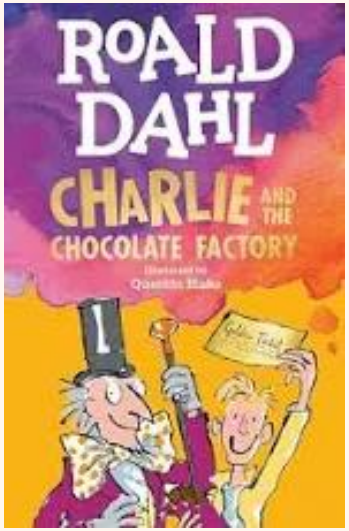












Year 4 reading guidance

The following books are not considered appropriate for reading in school in Year 4 due to their content and age suitability:

Lottie Brooks
Dork Diaries
Alex Ryder series
Harry Potter books 5–7

If you are happy for your child to read these books, they are of course welcome to continue doing so at home. However, we kindly ask that these books are not brought into school.

Handwriting

Handwriting is a focus as we want to continue to develop joined handwriting through our LetterJoin scheme.

Children will revise cursive letter formations and joins.
Our aim is for a high standard of presentation in written work which will give them a strong start in their education.



Spelling

We use ‘Essential letters and sounds’ for the teaching of spellings.

New spellings will be set on a Wednesday to be tested the following Wednesday.

At the beginning of each term, spellings are uploaded on Google classroom with the test date.
The Y3/Y4 statutory spellings will also be available on Google classroom.

Times tables

By the end of year 4 all children should know their times table facts up to 12 x 12 and also the corresponding division facts.

There is a statutory multiplication check on this in the summer term.

Maths homework:

Practise on the Times Tables Rock Stars for 5-10 minutes at day, at least 4 times a week.

What is the Multiplication Tables check?

It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions.

Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check.

They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question.

There is no pass mark for the test and the data will be used by us to identify where extra support is needed.

Homework

Each week, children are expected to:

📖 **Reading**
•Read for **at least 20 minutes on four separate days** each week.
•Discuss what they have read to develop understanding and vocabulary.

✍ **Spellings**
•Learn this week's spelling words and understand their meanings.
•Be able to spell the words accurately.

📝 **Applying Spellings**
•Use this week's spelling words correctly in sentences, written in **joined handwriting** with accurate spelling, capital letters and punctuation.

🔢 **Times Tables**
•Use **Times Tables Rock Stars** on **at least four separate days** each week.

There is also a Google form which you will be required to fill out each week to confirm that your child has completed these.

Log ins

Your child will have several log ins to apps and websites they can access at home. The log ins will be stuck in the back of their reading records so they are handy at home and school.

Times Table Rockstars

Please ask the class teacher if you have forgotten your Google classroom login.

PE

PE is timetabled twice a week
4G: **Tuesday and Friday**

4P: **Thursday and Friday**

Please ensure that the children have a named PE kit in school.

This should consist of their house T shirt, jumper, black leggings/ joggers/shorts, trainers.

Swimming lessons will take place during the spring term and tennis lessons will be during the summer term.

PSHE

- We have updated our PSHE scheme of work in line with statutory guidance.

- Key knowledge and example lesson resources for the Autumn term are available if you would like to have a look.

- The scheme of work will also be added to the school website along with our updated RSE policy and you will be notified when they are available to view online.

- If you have any questions please contact FAO PSHE Lead on:

admin@pownallgreen.co.uk

Useful Dates

School Photographs (individual): 20th October

KS2 Disco: Wednesday, 7th October

REMOTE PARENTS EVENINGS
Tuesday, 3rd November 3:40pm - 6:30pm
Thursday, 12th November 3:40pm - 6:30pm

OPEN MORNING – a chance to look at your child's work
Thursday, 26th November 8:30-9:00

How to contact us

The best way to contact to the teachers is by emailing admin.

Alternatively, phone the office and we will always endeavour to get back to you when we can.

If you urgently need to speak to us in person at the end of the day, please make sure this is after the whole class has been dismissed.

Thank you for coming - we are looking forward to an amazing year!


Thanks for listening