

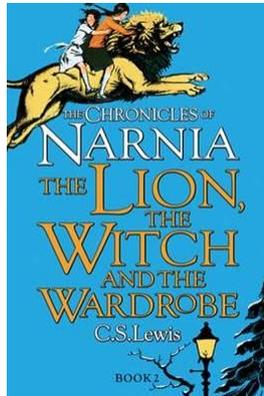
# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 4 Term 4 2019/20

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you enjoyed the break and have come back ready for the new term. We are glad to be back with you all in the Evergreen Community.

### Readers and Writers

This term, we will study the book *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis. This children's classic has been a staple of childhood for many people since it



was first published in 1950. Year 4 will read about 4 children (Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy) who step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying and find themselves in the land of Narnia.

Frozen in eternal winter, Narnia is a land of snow and pine forests, and its creatures are enslaved by the terrible White Witch.

Will explore the character's feelings by writing a journal from their point of view. Later in the term we will write an explanation text based on what we have learned about Mayans and Saxons.

### Mathematicians

For this term, we will continue to study formal written methods of division before beginning work on area and perimeter. Later in the term, we will look at understanding fractions. We will learn how to find equivalent fractions as well as how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.

We will then look at understanding decimals as fractions and as part of the place value system.

This summer all Year 4 pupils will be required to undertake a Multiplication Tables check. We really want our children to be successful and achieve their best.

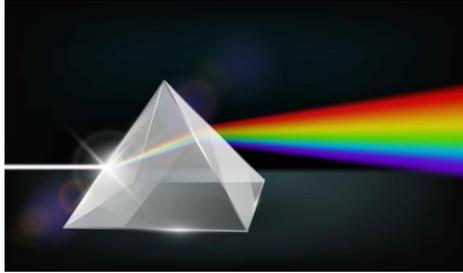
To this end we have given each child a log in for [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

Please ask your teacher if you have any questions or issues about using this resource.



### Scientists

In Science, the children will learn about the physical properties of light. We will study how light travels in straight lines from a source (such as the sun) at incredible speeds. We will investigate vocabulary such as *transparent, opaque, reflection* and *spectrum* and find out what they mean as scientific terms.



### Geographers and Historians

This term we will build on our locational knowledge of South America and study the Maya people of Mesoamerica. During roughly the same time period in Europe, Saxons were settling in Great Britain, forming the kingdoms of Sussex, Wessex and Essex among others.

In year 4, we will study both and begin to make comparisons between the two, looking for evidence as historians and making discoveries about their different ways of living.



This term we will be taking a short break from swimming to take advantage of a marvellous opportunity to have instruction from a professional dance coach. The children have already enjoyed their first lesson and we look forward to creating a performance together over the course of the term. Swimming will return next term for terms 5 & 6.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have six spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr Brownlow