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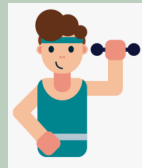
# Livingstone Life! Year 4

## Year 4

Welcome to Spring 2. We're excited to share that this half term we will be jolly sailors and twitchers extraordinaire as we take to the waves with Birds of Poole Harbour. Look out for a letter soon as we'll also be asking for parent volunteers to help.

## PE Days

Please note your class's PE days for the new term.  
Larch and Silver Birch—Tuesday and Friday  
This term we will be handballing and ball skills!



## Writing

In English this term, we'll be basing our writing initially on 'The Lost Words', which is a beautiful poetry book about wildlife and nature. It will definitely inspire us to write our own acrostic poems. Here's an alliterative example:

### **FERN**

Fern's first form is furled

Each Frond is fast as a fiddle-head.

Reach, roll and unfold follows, Fern flares.

Now fern is fully fanned.



## Reading

We have a new class text which we can't wait to share with the children. Twitch has three pet chickens, four pigeons, swallows nesting in his bedroom and a passion for birdwatching. On the first day of the summer holidays, he arrives at his secret hide to find police everywhere: a convicted robber has broken out of prison and is hiding in Aves Wood. Can Twitch use his talents for birdwatching to hunt for the dangerous prisoner and find the missing loot? A twist-laden, thriller-like tale of a bird-mad boy will keep us guessing until the end!

We love this book and can't wait to get going!



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#### Art

In art we will be learning about the life and work of Sir Peter Scott. Not only was he a founder of several wetlands bird sanctuaries in Britain and the WWF, he was also a keen artist and we'll be learning about line, form and perspective



#### Geography

Through studying maps, plans and locations, we'll be finding out about the United Kingdom and Egypt.

#### Science

Our science unit this half term is 'Living things and their habitats'. Children will be taught to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways (animals/plants, vertebrates/invertebrates, insects/mammals etc) and will also learn to use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in our local area.



#### Maths

Maths and Times Tables



Lots of fractions this half term. We find out how to order and compare them along with equivalences. We'll also be adding and subtracting fractions and delving deeper into efficient methods for finding fractions of quantities. More work on decimals comes towards the end of half term. As ever, times table practice is vitally important and we would encourage your child to practise at least 3 times a week at home.

#### Homework

Don't forget Homework. TTRS and Spelling Shed is to be completed weekly and an extra homework matrix is available via Google Classrooms (if you have any problems accessing, please contact the school office). In addition, remember to read at home at least three times a week—both Silver Birch and Larch have recently won the coveted Reading Cup—come on, let's make sure we're the year group to beat!

#### Reading Scrapbook

Each class in Year 4 has launched a book of books (aka a reading scrapbook). It's a great way for children to celebrate and share books they have read. We're so excited each week when the book comes back to see how creative your children have been. Please do look out for it landing on your doorstep, it will come with a pack of resources and an explanation to get you going.



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