



Year 4 Livingstone Life - Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to Year 4!



We hope you are having a fantastic summer break.

We are so excited to welcome your child back to school and into Year 4 and we hope they are looking forward to the year ahead! We have an incredible year planned, packed with interesting learning, fun activities and trips - including the Year 4 residential. More information will be shared about this soon.

Year 4 Team:

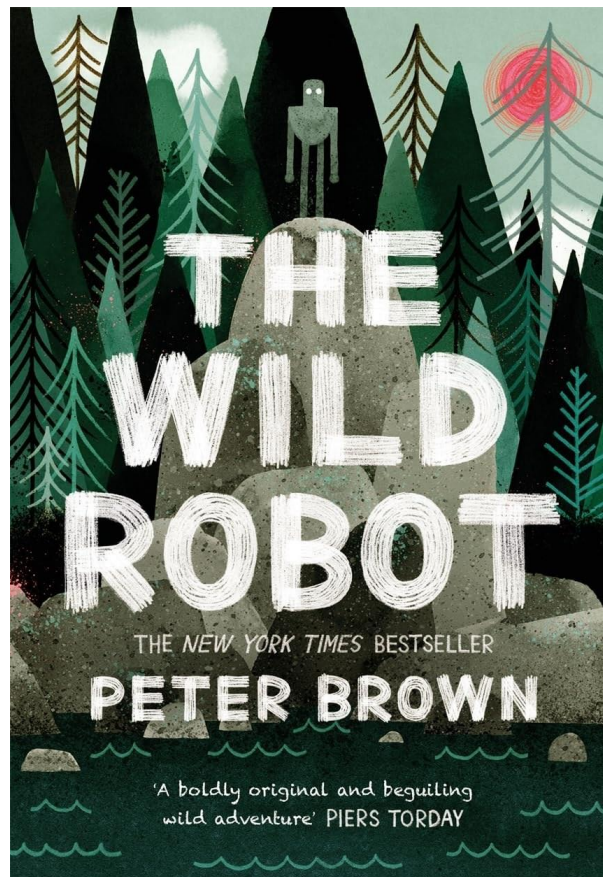
Ms Schneider - Larch class teacher, Mon-Weds

Mrs Thomas - Larch class teacher, Weds-Fri

Ms Lin - support staff

English - Reading & Writing





Our new class novel - as voted for by the students at the end of last year - is *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

The heart-warming and action-packed illustrated novel exploring what happens when nature and technology collide. When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

The students will be taking part in a range of lessons, reading and being read to, investigating the text and conducting a number of written activities to develop their grammar and independent writing skills.

Home Reading

It is vital that your child is encouraged and supported to read at home. At this age, it is important that children read aloud to a supportive adult to help them with their fluency and understanding, as well as learning to read to themselves.

Children will be expected to read and record their reads 3+ times every week. Children will be given a reading record at the beginning of term to use. Please support your child to complete this record to evidence the reading they are doing at home.

At the end of each week, your child's reads are counted up. For every 3 reads, they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into the weekly raffle. If their raffle ticket is pulled out of the pot, they will get the chance to guess the code on the locked box. If they crack the code, they win the prize! In addition to this, if Larch class's reading total each week is good, we have a fantastic chance of winning the junior reading trophy in Friday's assembly.

Maths



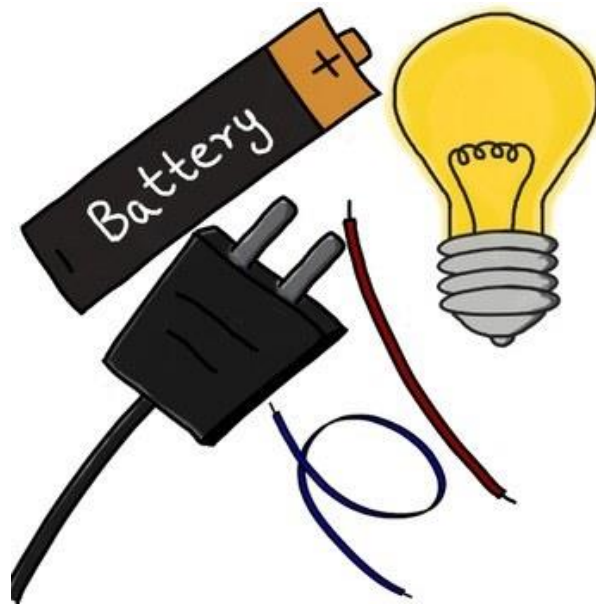


We will begin the year with a week of activities about shape: learning about angles, symmetry and some 2D polygons. After this, we will be revising key place value and numbers skills and learning new skills, which will support our understanding of addition and subtraction later in the term.

Towards the end of the year, every child in Year 4 will sit the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) so we will be spending lots of time practising our times tables so we can recall all the facts quickly (backwards, forwards, upside down and inside out). All children have a Times Table Rockstar (TTRS) login which will be stuck into their reading record. Please support your child to practise their times tables at home at least 3 times a week (although a little every day is most helpful).

Wider Curriculum





In Science, we will be learning about Electricity. We will be learning about common appliances that use electricity; how to keep safe when using electrical circuits and appliances; creating our own circuits with switches; and considering which materials are conductors and which are insulators.

In Humanities, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons. We will be paying particular attention to chronology and how sources and artefacts from the era have developed our understanding of how they lived.



In Design & Technology, we will be learning about Robots. This links to our class novel. The children will be designing and making their own robots, utilising their science knowledge about circuits.



Our P.E days will be Tuesday and Thursday.

Children will need to come into school in their P.E kit on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. On Tuesdays , we will be outside for P.E. Please make sure your child has suitable clothes for outdoor P.E on this day. On Thursdays, our P.E lessons will take place in the hall. On all other days of the week, normal school uniform must be worn. *School hoodies should only be worn on P.E days.*

In Year 4, we try to make lessons as active as possible. As we often go outside, please ensure your child comes to school every day with appropriate clothing for the weather and season.

Supporting your child at home



In Year 4, children are expected to complete the following tasks at home each week to support their learning:

A minimum of 3 x 5-minutes sessions on TTRS to practise times tables. You will find their login details in the front of their reading record.

A minimum of 3 x 20-minute reads to be recorded in their reading record.

A short spelling assignment to practise our weekly spelling rules.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this year. Please feel free to come and say hello to us, or contact the office to pass on a message and we will contact you as soon as possible if there is a need.