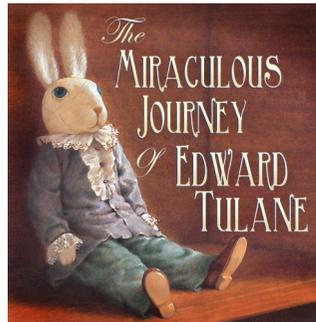




## Text: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

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Year 4 Spring 2



### Computing

Children will learn how to use spreadsheets and will practise using spreadsheets to manage a budget.

### RE

Children will be exploring what it means to be Jewish.

### RSHE

Children will be discussing relationships with friends and family members.

### PE

Outdoor: Net games

Indoor: Dance

### Geography

Have I drunk this before?

Children will learn about the water cycle and will investigate rivers and where the water that they drink comes from. Children will also be learning about different biomes, with a focus on biomes within South America.

### Design and Technology

Children will be making a structure which includes an electrical circuit.

### Metacognition

Exploring intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.

### Languages

Children will be learning how to describe colours and clothing in French.

### Music

Haiku, music and performance (Hanami)

### English

Children will be reading and responding to our text 'The Miraculous journey of Edward Tulane'. They will develop an understanding of the characters and how their emotions change over time, as well as unpicking themes from this adventure story. Children will write a range of texts including monologues, letters and diary entries to show an understanding of the character.

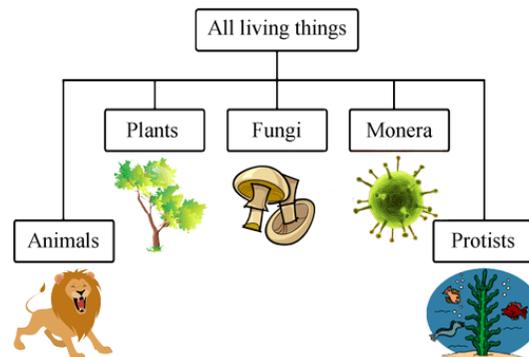
### Maths

Children will continue to learn the times tables up to 12x12. They will also learn mental and written strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.

### Science

#### Living things and their habitats

Children will learn to group living things in a variety of ways. They will explore the use of classification keys to help to group, identify and name a variety of living things. Children will discuss how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.





## Ways in which you can support your child at home...

Below is a list of activities available on the websites we subscribe to as a school, for which your child has their own login and password. These activities have been selected for your child to complete this half term, as they support learning in class. If you have difficulty accessing any of the sites, please contact your child's teacher.

### BBC Bitesize

[Living things - Year 3/4 - P4/5 - Science Collection - Home Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

### Times tables

<https://trockstars.com/>

### Hit the button

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

### These websites are free to access:

#### Maths

<https://www.timestables.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

#### Year 4 grammar

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn>

### Places to visit

We are very fortunate to live in an area surrounded by many wonderful places to visit. To support your child's learning this half term, why not make the most of the outdoors by visiting Valentine's mansion and gardens. You can even drive or take a bus ride to the Hainault and Epping forests to explore plants found in the temperate climate zone and also observe some animals in their natural habitats.

### Reading at home

In Year 4 we expect children to read for at least **20-30 minutes 6 times a week**. Your child should come home with at least one new reading book each week, please make some time to read with them everyday and comment in their reading record. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any further questions about the books your child is bringing home.