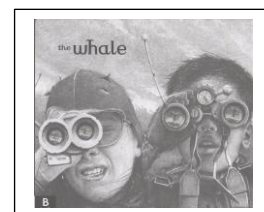
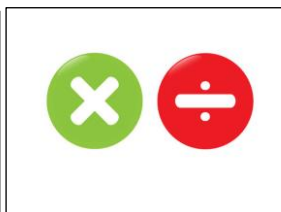
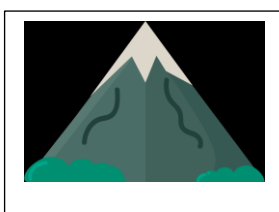


# Year 4 Learning Letter Spring 1



Parents, please use this learning letter to encourage your child to find out more about our topic and our science unit, to spend some time supporting our maths, writing and reading focus and as a reference for any resources we would like you to gather to support our DT and art projects. We will be using JIGSAW again and our PHSE lessons focus is 'Dreams and Goals'. We will have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the focus of this half term is Badminton. Please make sure you and your child know the homework expectations each week. See below and the timetable in your child's homework book. Homework books should come in every day as we use their spellings lists regularly, but must come in on a Friday so that they can be used for our spelling test.

## Maths

- Multiplication and division
- Length and Perimeter

**Home Focus:** Practise times tables at home using either sheets from school or TT Rockstar. Children sometimes request to take worksheets home when they need more time to grasp a concept.

## Writing

The Whale  
– Write an adventure narrative using The Whale as stimulus.

The Wizards of Once  
- Write a newspaper report using The Wizards of Once as stimulus.

## Reading/spelling/handwriting

Your child needs to learn their spellings, in the context of a sentence, by the Friday each week. They must know the meaning of the words! We have left spelling 10 blank so that the children can choose a Year 4 spelling that they are struggling with to focus on for that week alongside the 9 we have set.

**Home Focus:** Read every night for 10 minutes and discuss the book with an adult at home. Complete one task from the Reading Journal once a week.

## Geography

We will aim to answer the inquiry question: Why are mountains important?

- Why are the mountains of Everest, Mauna Kea and Olympus so famous?
- How were the world's greatest mountain ranges formed?
- Why is the legend of Mallory and Irvine the greatest unsolved mystery of mountaineering?

Key vocabulary: mountain range, landscape, summit, tectonic plate, ridge, peak, climate

## Science

Our unit is 'Teeth and Digestion.' The children will learn about:

- Why we need teeth
- What happens when we don't look after our teeth
- Functions and parts of the digestive system

## Art/DT

- Our Art and DT will be intertwined with our geography lessons on Mountains.
- Construct 3D map of a mountain.
- DT – Design and make a fossil container for a mountaineer.