

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 1 2020

Below is an outline of what we will be covering in Year 4 over the first half of the Spring.

### RE - 'People of prayer'

Our new topic focuses on the prayer life of the Church. Children will be learning about the Feast of the Epiphany and two prayers found in Matthew's Gospel: the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

### English-

#### **Power of Reading Unit 'Moon Man'**

We are trialling a new scheme of work called the Power of reading. The idea is that all work is central to a text, incorporating all areas of the curriculum. It aims to promote a love of reading alongside developing English skills and writing for an audience and with purpose.

Overall aims of this Teaching Sequence:

- To engage children with a story with which they will empathise.
- To explore themes and issues, and develop and sustain ideas through discussion.
- To develop creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork.
- To write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters.
- To write with confidence for real purposes and audiences.

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#### **Teaching Approaches**

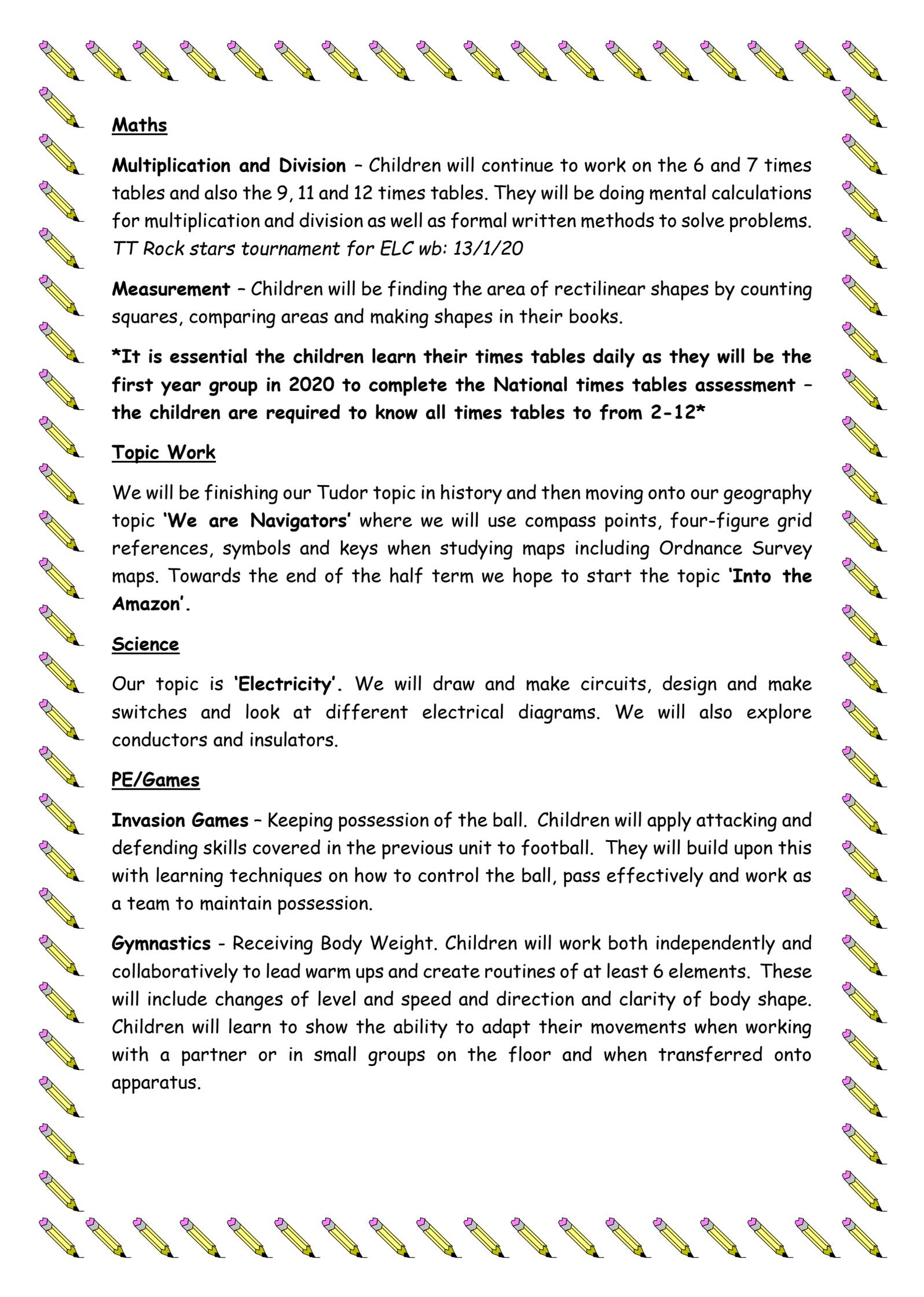
- Response to illustration
- Visualisation
- Hot seating
- Role play
- Role on the Wall
- Conscience Alley

#### **Writing Outcomes**

- Poetry
- Diary entry
- News Reports
- Explanation writing
- Myth writing
- Persuasive writing
- Letter writing

### Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation

We will continue to work on the year 4 spellings using the Oxford Owl scheme and alongside the years 3 and 4 statutory word list. A list of spellings will be sent home weekly and your child should practise them in preparation for the following week's dictation.



## Maths

**Multiplication and Division** - Children will continue to work on the 6 and 7 times tables and also the 9, 11 and 12 times tables. They will be doing mental calculations for multiplication and division as well as formal written methods to solve problems.  
*TT Rock stars tournament for ELC wb: 13/1/20*

**Measurement** - Children will be finding the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares, comparing areas and making shapes in their books.

**\*It is essential the children learn their times tables daily as they will be the first year group in 2020 to complete the National times tables assessment - the children are required to know all times tables to from 2-12\***

## Topic Work

We will be finishing our Tudor topic in history and then moving onto our geography topic '**We are Navigators**' where we will use compass points, four-figure grid references, symbols and keys when studying maps including Ordnance Survey maps. Towards the end of the half term we hope to start the topic '**Into the Amazon**'.

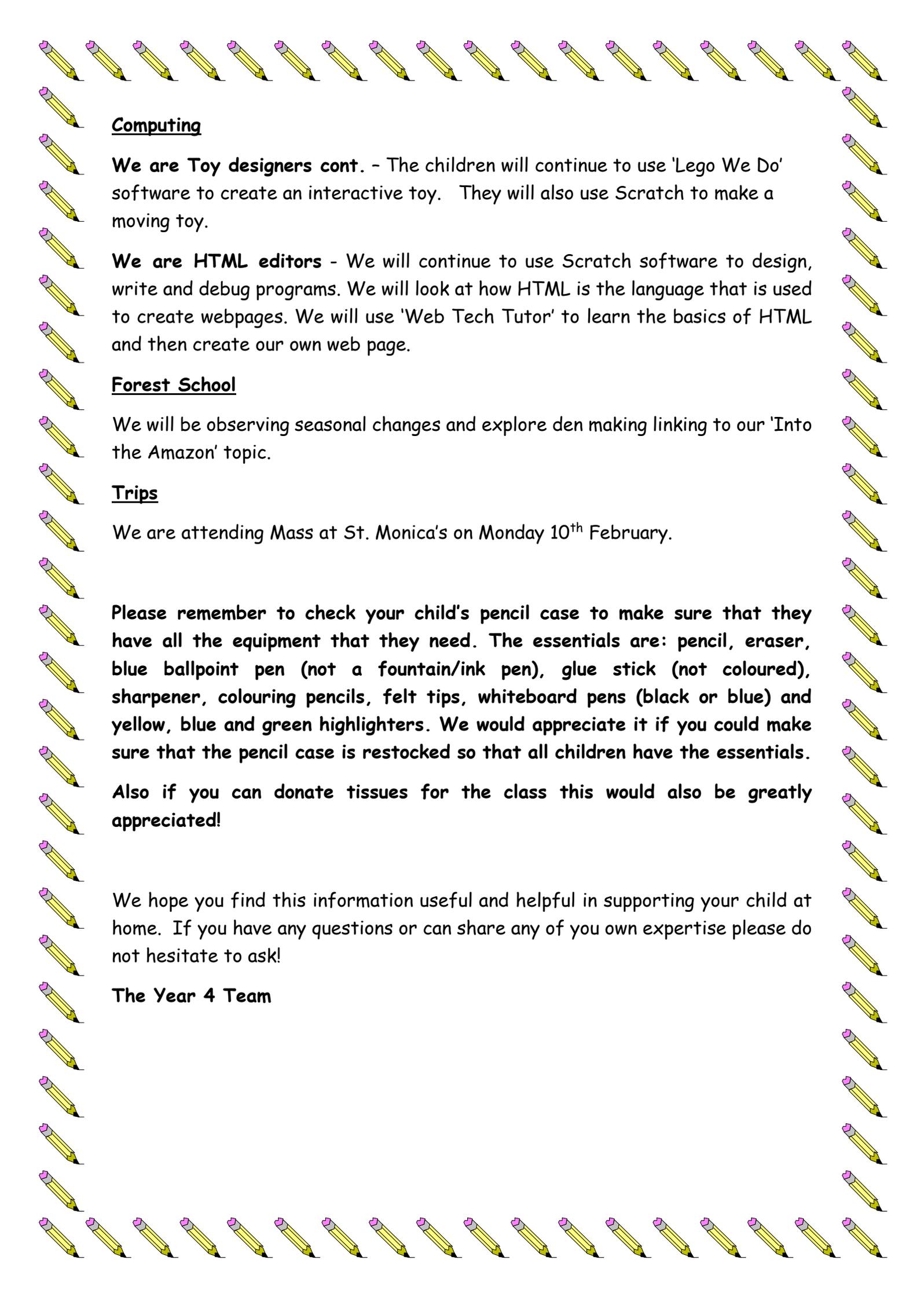
## Science

Our topic is '**Electricity**'. We will draw and make circuits, design and make switches and look at different electrical diagrams. We will also explore conductors and insulators.

## PE/Games

**Invasion Games** - Keeping possession of the ball. Children will apply attacking and defending skills covered in the previous unit to football. They will build upon this with learning techniques on how to control the ball, pass effectively and work as a team to maintain possession.

**Gymnastics** - Receiving Body Weight. Children will work both independently and collaboratively to lead warm ups and create routines of at least 6 elements. These will include changes of level and speed and direction and clarity of body shape. Children will learn to show the ability to adapt their movements when working with a partner or in small groups on the floor and when transferred onto apparatus.



## Computing

**We are Toy designers cont.** - The children will continue to use 'Lego We Do' software to create an interactive toy. They will also use Scratch to make a moving toy.

**We are HTML editors** - We will continue to use Scratch software to design, write and debug programs. We will look at how HTML is the language that is used to create webpages. We will use 'Web Tech Tutor' to learn the basics of HTML and then create our own web page.

## Forest School

We will be observing seasonal changes and explore den making linking to our 'Into the Amazon' topic.

## Trips

We are attending Mass at St. Monica's on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please remember to check your child's pencil case to make sure that they have all the equipment that they need. The essentials are: pencil, eraser, blue ballpoint pen (not a fountain/ink pen), glue stick (not coloured), sharpener, colouring pencils, felt tips, whiteboard pens (black or blue) and yellow, blue and green highlighters. We would appreciate it if you could make sure that the pencil case is restocked so that all children have the essentials.**

**Also if you can donate tissues for the class this would also be greatly appreciated!**

We hope you find this information useful and helpful in supporting your child at home. If you have any questions or can share any of your own expertise please do not hesitate to ask!

**The Year 4 Team**