



Year 4

Curriculum Information

What your child is learning this half term

Autumn 1 Unit: POTIONS!



English

Our curriculum this half term will be focusing on "Potions" and the magical world of Harry Potter. Children will be creating instructions to create their very own imaginative potion. Following this, children will further explore the life of Harry Potter through writing diary entries describing life at Hogwarts School.

At home, practise spellings sent home linked to the work covered in class. Make time to read with your child every night.

RMSE

This half term in RMSE, our Topic is 'Being Curious and Valuing knowledge.' We will be looking at the festivals of Eid Ul Adha, Diwali and discussing why they are important times for Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus.

At home, speak to your child about what they have learnt in RMSE lessons and encourage them to reflect on the lessons that different religions teach us.

Music



This year, Year 4 are practicing their musical instruments with specialist teachers from the Birmingham Music Service. 4C has started their violin lessons, 4O is beginning work on the cornets and 4S is developing their skills on the keyboards.

At home, encourage your child to explain the different skills they are learning.

PSHE

Our focus this term is to refresh our knowledge of the UNICEF Rights of the Child whilst we create our new Class Charters. We will also be looking at the history of International World Peace Day and discussing Habit 5, 'Seek first to understand, then to be understood'.

At home, talk to your child about sustainability.

Maths

This term, we will be starting our Year 4 Maths No Problem Workbooks and will be developing our knowledge of Place Value whilst using our concrete resources to support our learning. We will be exploring Rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, as well as partitioning 4-digit numbers.

At home, support your child by including in activities involving numbers and measuring, such as shopping, cooking and travelling. Encourage them to practice their Times Tables ready for the weekly test in class.

Physical Education

This half term in PE lessons 4C will be learning about Gymnastics and Dance, 4S will begin to learn the skills needed for Handball and 4O will be learning and applying their skills in Football.

At home, encourage your child to keep active by playing sports or joining after school clubs.

Art/DT

Art and DT lessons this half term will be linked to our Potions topic. Children will be designing and making their own clay potion bottle. They will use paints and glaze to decorate this sculpture. We will also look at the illustrations of 'Fantastic Beasts' and use them as stimulus to create our own magical creatures.

At home, discuss the technique children used to create their potion bottle.



Homework

Maths and English Homework is given out on Thursday. Children will also be given weekly spellings to take home so they can learn at home and be ready for their spelling tests during the week. Topic Homework will be given out every two weeks. Homework needs to be returned to school every Tuesday. Children will also receive Home Reading books. Please ensure that you read with your child every day. Children can change their home reader book as soon as they finish it. We encourage all of our parents to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Please write your comments regularly in your child's Reading Journal.

Science

This half term, we will be starting our unit "In a State" In this unit, we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases and investigating their properties through experiments in class. We will study changes in state, and the processes of evaporation and condensation.

At home, encourage your child to identify the different states of matter. Ask them to think about how solids, liquids and gases are different to each other.

Computing

In Computing, we will be looking at a range of educational games online and discussing what makes them interesting and engaging. We will then begin to develop our own Harry Potter based games using the program Scratch.

At home, encourage your child to talk about the games they have played. If possible, allow time for them to use Scratch at home.



History/Geography

The new topic for this half term is "Potions". In this unit, we will be learning about how Potions were used in the past by people such as the Tudors. We will be using the Magical World of Harry Potter to explore maps and directions.

At home take your child to the library and allow them to deepen their historical knowledge of the Tudors and medicine.

French

This unit is all about using the vocabulary related to greeting each other and learning basic French words.

At home encourage your child to recall their learning and new words that they might have learned.



