



# Year 4 Curriculum Information

What your child is learning this half term

## Autumn 1 Unit: POTIONS!



### Creative Curriculum

Our curriculum this half term will be focusing on "Potions" and magic. We will start by writing an instructional text for Harry Potter Studios. We will then move on to writing our very own adventure narrative based on our class book.

*At home, practise spellings sent home linked to the work covered in class.*

### RMSE

We are focusing on the religions; Judaism and Buddhism. Our key question for this term is How special is the relationship Jews have with God? And Is it possible for everyone to be happy? We will be applying our background knowledge and will be developing a deeper understanding of these faiths.

*At home you could speak to your child about what he/she has learnt in RMSE lessons and encourage them to reflect on the lessons that different religions teach us.*



### Music

In Year 4, the pupils will be learning about frequency and pitch. This will then be applied to various musical instruments as well as their voice.

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

### PSHEC

Our focus this term in PSHE is encouraging the children to explain their understanding of our school vision as a Unicef Gold Rights Respecting School. This half term, there will be an emphasis on re-establishing routines and expectations for this academic year.

*At home, talk to your child about what they have learned in PSHEC lessons.*



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### Maths

This term, we will be learning about place value and we will develop our reasoning skills. This year the Year 4 pupils will be undertaking a national times table test and we will be supporting and encouraging children to prepare for their tests.

*At home, support your child to think about the value of numbers looking for patterns as well as supporting your child to learn their times tables.*

### PE

This half term in PE, children will be learning either football, gymnastics and handball. This should help develop their fine motor skills in sports as well as their ability to work as a team.

*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 potion bottles. They will use a range of materials to create these bottles. Our focus this term is food technology, children will be able to design and make a food product relating to their topic.

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



### Homework

Homework is set on Purple Mash as well as Time Table Rockstars. Maths, English, and Topic homework will be set weekly on Thursdays. However, spellings will be given out for the whole half-term to allow extra time to practise. Spelling tests will take place weekly consisting of the spellings of that week. Children with homework books must return them to their class teacher by Tuesday. 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 Planner.



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### Science

This half term, we will be starting our unit "States of Matter". We will be learning about different states of matter. We will be focusing closely on the properties of different solids, liquids and gases.

*At home, encourage children to talk about 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 look at how to stay safe when using the internet. We will create rules for staying safe online and will explore the dangers and reporting mechanisms.

*At home, encourage your child to talk about the risks of using the internet. Support them to think of how they can overcome these dangers.*



### 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 also look at the history of anaesthetics.

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

Educational Visits/Key Dates:

Harry Potter Studios!

