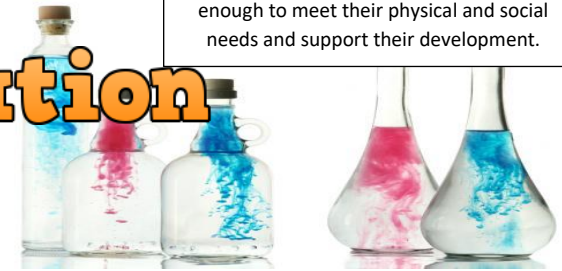


Year 4

Curriculum Information

Spring 1: POTIONS!

UNICEF Article: Article 27 Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development.



Creative Curriculum English

JK Rowling: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Our curriculum this half term will be focusing on "Potions", magic and medicine from the past. For their first piece of writing, the children will publish a biography on an Islamic Physician. They will then move on to learn about the features of a fantasy narrative. Children will write their own narrative, in which friends venture on a magical quest.

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

PSHEC

In PSHEC, we will be exploring the meaning of individual liberty, which encompasses the right to having a personal choice and individual expression. Children will be discussing the consequences of being deprived of liberty on individuals, and the community.

At home, talk to your child about what they have learned in PSHEC. Discuss the importance of freedom, acceptance, and belonging.

RMSE

Can the Buddha's teachings make the world a better place?

In this unit, children will explore the different types of suffering. They will create a range of scenarios and think of appropriate resolutions, based on the teaching of the noble eight-fold path. Through role-play, children will gain an in depth understanding of the Buddhist teaching of compassion.

At home, research facts about the Buddhists faith and make detailed notes using bullet points.

Music

In this unit based around rivers, children will explore and represent different stages of the river through vocal and percussion ostinatos.

They will be learning to listen to changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics. At the end of the unit, they will be performing using the skills they learn over the weeks.

At home, encourage your child to explain the different skills they are learning and practise playing their instruments.



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Maths

Children will be focusing on the multiplication and division operations, using informal and formal written methods to work out calculations. They will solidify their strategies as they multiply and divide efficiently. In the following topic, children will be measuring the length and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and regular polygons.

At home, encourage your child to use the key mathematical vocabulary. Keep practising Times Tables using Times Table Rockstars!

PE

PE takes place on Wednesday. Children will be learning either handball or football. This should help develop their fine motor skills in sports as well as their ability to work as a team. Children must ensure that they come in their PE kit for PE lessons.

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

Art/DT

Art lessons this half term will be linked to our 'Potions' topic. Children will be researching and designing a potion bottle. They will be sculpting their potion bottles out of air-dry clay. In our 'New Digital World' unit, children will have the opportunity to design and develop ideas for a timer for 'mindful moments'. They will create a prototype, develop ideas through computer aided design and evaluate their product.



At home, discuss different types of timers and their uses with your children.

Homework

Homework is set on Purple Mash as well as Times Tables Rockstars. Maths, English, and Topic homework is set weekly on Thursdays. Children with homework books must return them to their class teacher by Tuesday. Please write your comments regularly in your child's Planner to let us know how well your child is reading at home. Children will receive a new set of spellings each half term in their Planners, which they should regularly practise for their weekly tests. They should also regularly practise times tables using Times Tables Rockstars.

Science

States of Matter

In this unit, we will be learning about different materials and their properties. We will be focusing closely on the properties of different solids, liquids and gases. As part of their investigation, children will examine the effect of temperature on the process of evaporation.

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.

French

In their French lessons, children will learn to read, write, and pronounce numbers, as well as practice basic calculations. They will also explore the days of the week and the seasons. As the unit progresses, children will compare traditional birthday celebrations in France and England, examining similarities and differences between the two cultures.

At home practise the pronunciation of French numbers, seasons and days.

Computing

Creating media: Website design

In this unit, children will be developing their research, word processing, and collaborative working skills whilst learning how web pages and web sites are created. They will be exploring how to change layouts, embed images and videos, and link between pages.

At home, encourage your child to talk about using technology safely and respectfully. Support them in recognising unacceptable online behaviour and a range of ways to report concerns.



History/Geography

For our 'Potions' topic, children will be using a range of historical source materials to learn about the use of potions for both everyday medicinal and magical reasons. Children will explore treatments for illness in the early Islamic era and during the Middle Ages in Europe. Furthermore, they will learn about the development of anaesthetics throughout history. Children will learn research influential Islamic physicians.

At home, visit the library and encourage them to deepen their historical knowledge of potions and medicine.

Educational Visits/Key Dates
Visit to Harry Potter Studios in London
Tuesday 27th January 2026
10TH February 2026 – Year 4 Assembly Chinese New Year

