



Curriculum Newsletter



Summer 1 2021

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**Year 4
Potions**

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Topic

Welcome to the summer term and our first topic which is called Potions. Our main science focus for our learning is Electricity and our writing will focus on using an abridged version of 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. This is a lovely fantasy story and will allow us to focus on using description in our writing and speech punctuation.

In Science, we will be exploring electrical circuits and expanding our knowledge of materials to investigate which materials are insulators and which are conductors.

In Art, we will be looking at different printing techniques. In R.E we will be exploring how different religions focus on making the world a better place through their actions and charitable work. PSHE continues to focus on relationships with those around us, specifically family and friendships. Don't forget that your child can use EdShed to practise their spellings, they should have their login details in the back of their reading record.

English

How can you help your child in English? Here are some great ideas:

Please continue to support your child with reading at home, they may prefer to read to themselves instead of reading aloud which is great too. Please record this entry in their reading record so it counts towards their number of weekly reads. Don't forget we have the electronic books on Rising Stars to read too.

We have a focus on creating imagery through vocabulary choices in Year 4 so you could discuss this with your child, supporting them to identify and pick out effective vocabulary and word types. Look for sentences starting with a fronted adverbial with them as this is a Year 4 writing expectation. Also ask your child to be inverted commas and the associated punctuation spotters; this will support them with using this with more accuracy in their writing.

Reading information books, magazine or comic style formats is just as important as reading fiction stories. Often information presented in a different way is more engaging,

Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some key pieces of information:

We still have a big focus on learning times tables and rapid recall of times tables facts. Don't forget that Times Tables Rockstars is great for practising times tables on. The username and password for this site should be in the back of your child's reading record.

Please support your child to practise reading the time from an analogue clock and converting it to digital, if they are ready for it.

The daily maths lessons will include quiz questions to start the learning. We will be continuing to practise our key skills and consolidating key facts learned so far such as rounding, times tables and all four methods for addition, subtraction, multiplications and division. Practising these methods at home is important too.

If you have any queries about your child's maths or any aspect of their maths learning then please do not hesitate to speak to their teacher about it.

Outdoor Sessions

We are continuing our outdoor learning so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately to access our forest school area for example, and our Trim Trail. As we move into warmer weather sensible footwear still needs to be worn.



Home Learning



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Unlocking the Learning

As part of our home learning, we would like the children to take part in one or more of our creative homework projects that link to this half term's learning. Our topic for this half term is Potions, a topic linked to our writing using the text Alice in Wonderland.

We look forward to seeing the results and would like the children to email their completed projects to us by the week beginning Monday, 17th May, so that they can share and celebrate each other's talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks' worth of work, and demonstrates the children's own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework.

Please remember that if your child is unsure of their home learning then we can help with resources to complete their home learning, or discuss ideas with them. Please just email us for support. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.

Write a diary entry as Alice describing how you felt when you saw the white rabbit and decided to follow it.	Make a list of all of the items you can find at home that need electricity to work. How can you sort them into groups? For example, are any of your items battery powered?	Use your creative skills to make a new perfume or cologne from things you can find in the garden, or on a walk, that smell attractive eg rose petals.
Write a set of instructions to accompany your perfume making. Don't forget that drawings make the instructions clearer, or even better photographs of each step of the perfume making.	Use the internet to research and find out more about different ways in which the electricity we use at home is generated. Present it as a poster or factfile with subheadings and drawings.	Make a new recipe that requires baking so that there is a change in the ingredients from a liquid to a solid. Don't forget to take pictures and email them to us.