

Our topic this half term is POTIONS

Maths

To support your child with their maths in Year 4 here are some helpful pointers:

We have a big focus on learning times tables and are expecting the children to make full use of Times Tables Rockstars which your child has their own username and password for.

Please see your child's teacher if they are not able to access the internet at home.

Our weekly homework will be either Times Tables Rockstars practise or a topic to consolidate learning in class. We are regularly practising our times tables in class against the timer.

For the summer term, we will be focusing on applying maths skills to problem solving and reasoning type activities. Please encourage your child to explain how they know an answer to a maths question using examples if possible as this is a great way to demonstrate understanding.

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

Special sessions!

Swimming sessions will continue at the Bromsgrove Sports and Leisure Centre for the current group of swimmers.

If your child hasn't started their swimming lessons yet, they will be included in the final group which starts on 14th May.

Welcome to the first half of our summer term where we will be learning all about our topic, Potions which is a science based topic. To launch our learning, the children will be investigating changes to solids and liquids by making slime and looking at the properties of Oobleck (a non-newtonian fluid).

We will be taking the children for a super day of bellboating; keep a look out for a letter about this.

For our writing, we will be using an abridged version of the novel Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.

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.

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 a range of types of books will help your child to compare different text features.

Try to share books that support the topic so for this half term, Explore the contents page and look out for any specific topic related vocabulary.

Topic

Our topic for this half-term is Potions which has a Science (Changing States) focus within our topic work. Learning will include:

- . identifying and sorting solids, liquids and gases and exploring particle theory by using drama to show the differences between them.
- . identifying the conditions needed to change from one state to another and using observations over time to measure this.
- . researching the temperature at which a range of solids melt.

In R.E. we will be looking at life as a journey and some of the significant events in different religions that celebrate landmarks in someone's life.

Unlocking the learning at home.... as always we have received some super examples of home learning which are always on display in the main entrance. 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 ask one of 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.