

YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fantastic Summer break and that you are ready for the new school year to begin. Miss Hibbert & Mr Charlton would like to welcome all of the children, parents and carers into our new Year 4 class.

Our topic this half term is



English

As part of our topic we will be reading Roald Dahl's 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We will be using this book to develop our story writing. Our main target this half term is to focus on our imaginative writing. We will strive to improve our writing by using powerful, descriptive language choices.

Maths

In our maths sessions we will be focussing on number. We will begin by looking at place value including ordering numbers, completing sequences and rounding numbers up and down to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children will be concentrating on the use of mathematical vocabulary to explain their ideas and will then apply their number skills to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems.

Science

In science our focus will be 'states of matter'. We will identify a range of solids, liquids and gases and experiment with chemical changes including the impact of heating/cooling. The children will conduct a wide range of investigations to support their predictions.

Topic

Our 'Potions' topic will allow us to research the history of medicine and investigate how it has changed over time. We will become 'mad scientists' to make our own labels and potions!

ICT

We will be using our computer skills to research the history of medicine as part of our topic. We will also be learning to find and correct errors in a range of programs. The children will be able to explore creative ways of improving programs.

Important Information

Reading - Please read at home each night with your child. It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning. We will be keeping track of how many times children read over the half term and prizes will be given to those who read a minimum of 5 times each week!

Homework Grids - Homework grids must be completed by the last **Tuesday** of each half term. Please ensure homework books are brought in each **Tuesday** so that they can be kept up to date. We will be keeping a record of completed homework across the term.

PE - Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including shorts, a t-shirt and plimsolls. PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday each week.

Dates for your diary

- 11th September – year 3 & 4 will work together to take part in a 'Silly Science' workshop!
- 9th & 16th October – parents evening.