

# Newsletter

## Spring 2 – Year 4



Our topic this half term is: **Potions**



In this topic, we will be thinking about Potions of different descriptions. This will include History learning about the use of potions throughout History for magic and medicine, and Art and DT learning through making and evaluating our own potions and accompanying packaging. We will be linking our topic to Literacy, and creating our own spell poetry, character profiles and instructions around the texts *Alice in Wonderland*, *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *Macbeth*.

In Reading lessons, we will continue working on making our reading comprehension answers clearer and fuller, and we will be focusing more specifically upon inference and prediction using the texts detailed above as well as others.

In Science, we will be conducting some experiments linked to potions in order to further develop our 'Working Scientifically' skills.

In Maths, we will be moving on to work with Measures and Time which will tie in with the topic where possible. By the end of Y4, all children need to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 fluently. Therefore, we ask that children continue to practise these at home where possible, especially if they are unsure. There are several free apps, internet games and websites available to help with times tables

This half term, we will also complete R.E units about Sikhism (Vaisakhi) and Christianity (Holy week and Lent).

**A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they:**

- Read 4 times in a week at home
- Follow the Golden Rules
- Wear correct uniform
- Have full attendance for the week
- Have no late marks

Remember - if your child manages to reach the expected reads this half term, they will also receive a new book and a certificate from Mrs Watson!

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day

Fancy Dress £1 contribution

The Book Fair- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

School Disco- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 5.15pm- 6.15pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March- Break up for Easter

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school

### PD Days:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Just a few reminders for you to help your child with the organisation of their school week:

- If assigned, Maths or Spelling homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due back in school, completed, on the following Tuesday ready for new homework to be issued. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners. The Topic Grid homework is ongoing over the full half term.
- Enjoy reading with your child 4 times a week. This can be their school reading book or any reading done at home. Children not completing this are sent out automatic reminders in their planners. Reads cannot be backdated as we keep a record of weekly reads and previous weeks are not checked again once passed.
- We ask for all children to bring their PE Kit into school at the start of the half term, and leave it in school until the following half term/end of term break, so as to ensure all opportunities for P.E. are utilised. As always, we appreciate kits being labelled with children's names to avoid them losing any items.

Thank you for your continued support.