

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 4! We have planned a year full of exciting learning opportunities for the children.

Welcome

How Parents/Carers can help at home:

- Encourage the use of the in-school independence time from 8:30 each morning;
- Encourage your child to and /or listen to your child read on a regular basis and ask follow up questions;
- Encourage times table practice up to 12x;
- Have a discussion with your child about their learning.

Home Learning:

Reading records will be collected and checked every Friday; it is our expectation that your child read for at least 20 minutes, 4 times a week.

Homework will be given out every Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday; there will be a Maths or English task and spellings each week (to be tested on Friday).

Should there be any questions or concerns please encourage your children to talk to their class teacher. A free homework club will also be running every Thursday from 3:10pm-4:10pm spaces are limited but you can sign your child up at the office.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 27th September 2019 - European Languages Day.

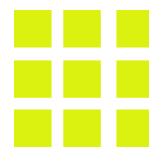
Wednesday 9th October 2019 - Open Maths Morning for parents .

Thursday 10th October 2019 - Harry Potter Studios Trip.

Mon 21st Oct - Fri 1st Nov 2019 - **HALF TERM.**

Friday 8th November 2019 - Cinema Trip (during school day).

Thank you,
The Year 4 Team.



Nine Acres Primary School
Autumn Term 1 2019

Year 4 Team

Mrs Mayes



Miss Shobbrook



Mrs Sim



Miss Palmer

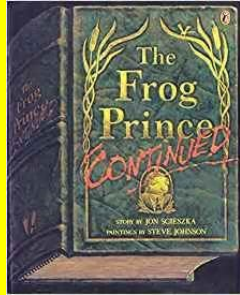


Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 4 Autumn Term 1 2019- Theme: Potions

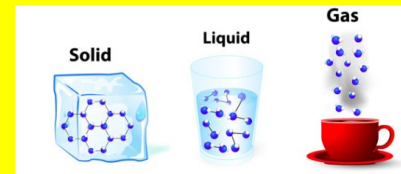


English

Our text this half term is going to be The Frog Prince...Continued by Jon Scieszka. We are going to throw ourselves into the Fairy tale genre as the children become the Frog Prince himself - writing diary entries and character descriptions. Children will also develop their descriptive vocabulary and literacy skills when they rewrite the story opening. However, things will take a dark turn when the children shift to a non-fiction piece when the prince goes missing and they write reports.

Science – What a state!

We will learn about states of matter this half term, identifying what makes a solid, liquid or gas, how these change and their uses and importance. We will plan tests to see what happens to food items if we heat or freeze them.



Religious Education

In RE we will be learning about making choices. We will learn about the temptations Jesus faced in the desert and how these relate to the teachings of Christianity. We will also be looking at how we ourselves make choices, applying the concept to our own lives.

Mathematics

This half term we are securing place value knowledge and then focusing on addition and subtraction using column method and mental strategies. Children will continue to develop their mental arithmetic during Early Bird sessions quickening their pace and improving accuracy. They will also be working on their reasoning ability, developing their mathematical knowledge and ability to justify responses.



Theme

Our theme this half term is Potions, we will explore this through History and Geography as 'Medicine Through Time'. We will be looking at key events in History from the accidental discovery of vaccinations to the rise of the NHS. We will be considering if they were alive in a different period how their lives would be altered. We will also be applying our computing skills to research where on the planet medicines come from and if they are all man-made?



Independent Learning

It has been wonderful to see the children showing their independence so far, taking ownership over what they can do to develop their own learning during our 8:30am starts. We have already seen the additional confidence and boost to their self-esteem that this has given the children in themselves and their attitude to learning.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Thursday, however we ask that the children's kits be in school every day as there is the opportunity for an additional session should we win the attendance award.



Please ensure jewellery is removed and long hair is tied back.