

# Year 4 Newsletter - Autumn 1

## Potions



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the amazing, magical world of potions and their properties... Now scientists, beware! There are some powerful and deadly potions out there – dangerous, unpredictable or plain tragic (just ask Romeo and Juliet!). We will also be looking at the fascinating history of modern medicine!

### Our Learning

During **English** this term we will be studying 'Leon and the Place Between', which will lead us to develop our writing in letters, poetry, and narratives. For **Maths** we will cover place value. We will also be doing a weekly arithmetic maths session to help develop mental maths skills. **Times tables** will be key this year, so any additional learning you can do at home in this area will greatly benefit your child. The aim is that by the end of Year 4, each child should be able to confidently recall multiplication facts up to and including the 12 times table.

As **Historians** we will be studying aspects and themes in British history that extend pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066. We will be exploring timelines and the history of medicine, with a focus on the discovery of penicillin. As **Artists** we will be improving our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with materials. We will also look at great artists, architects and designers in history. As **Scientists** we will be learning about solids, liquids and gases, and comparing and grouping materials. We will set up simple practical enquiries and discuss fair testing. We will learn to make systematic and careful observations, and take accurate measurements using a range of equipment. In addition, we will be developing our skills in making predictions and writing up experiments. In **RE** the children will look at beliefs and practises where they will focus on the key question: How special is the relationship Jews have with God?

### Suggestions for parents/carers:

- Times tables (everything up to 12s is needed by the end of Year 4)
- Practice spellings
- Continue daily reading
- Look at solids, liquids, and gases during cooking and observe changing states

### Important reminders

Please note that we will be swimming at Poplar Baths on **Friday afternoons**. Children **will not** be able to enter the pool at Poplar Baths without a swimming cap and trunks/bathing suit. Trunks should be above the knee and bathing suits should be one-piece.

Finally, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting to talk to us to discuss any points or queries. I will normally be in class welcoming the children at least 10 minutes before the gate in the morning, but if you would like a longer conversation then do come and see one of us at the end of the day or arrange an appointment.

I hope you, like us, are looking forward to a fantastic 2023-24 in Year 4!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cullen and the year 4 team!

