

# Year 4 Newsletter

I hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. This term we have two new topics starting with 'Potions' where we will study solids, liquids and gases whilst also enjoying a range of texts such as Alice in Wonderland. Our second topic will be 'Road trip USA' where our focus will be states in America, Native American history and electricity (with a focus on New York).



## R.E

In RE this term we will be studying Parables of Jesus, where we will be exploring the different teachings from Jesus and how it applies to our lives today. Then we will progress onto Christian Rites of Passage where we will learn about christenings, baptisms and weddings.



## English

In English this term we will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will begin by studying Ted Hughes' Iron Man where we will focus on descriptive vocabulary including similes before creating our own creature. Following on from this we will study a range of non-fiction texts including information leaflets. Please remember that reading records and books need to be in school every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

## Maths

In Maths this term we will continue to developing our knowledge of place value where we will focus on numbers with two decimal places. We will continue to work on using standard written methods for all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems whilst also developing our quick recall of times tables up to 12 x 12. Your support with learning times tables at home is invaluable.

## P.E

Year 4 get the opportunity to go swimming on a Thursday this half term. Lessons will begin on Thursday 17th May and the final session will be on Thursday



12th July. Please ensure that your child is able to remove all jewellery otherwise they will not be permitted to take part in the sessions. Long hair needs to be tied back. Children may bring goggles if they wish. Children will be walked to and from the swimming pool so please ensure they have waterproof coats in school. They should arrive back at school at approximately 3.40pm.

## Topic

Our cross curricula theme for the first half term will be 'Potions'. We will learn about the origin of potions and explore their purpose, whilst considering the purpose and ingredients for our own potions. Also, we will investigate and discuss if and how potions are used today. Our summer class trip will be to Warwick Castle (following our focus on castles during our previous topic 1066). We will visit Warwick Castle on Thursday 28th June.

## Homework

Children's reading books can be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In order for your child to change their book we require a signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian. Children should be reading daily.



Homework will go out on a Friday and should be back in school by the following Thursday. Please note children need to write in pencil. Within their learning logs children will have an activity to complete pertaining to their Topic lessons or special events throughout the term. Children will also have Activelearn homework along with weekly spellings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Okolie and Mrs Cope