



Autumn Term 1 2017 - Information Guide

Our learning this term

POTIONS

English – Our focus this half term will be on expressive language and performance in poetry, descriptive writing and story structure in narrative and reading aloud with appropriate expression and pace.

Maths – We will be learning about place value and we will continue to develop our problem solving skills.

Science – This half term we will be investigating the 3 states of matter.

Other subjects – Our art and design work will focus on how to improve our sketching and drawing accurate portraits. We will also develop our clay work skills by designing, making and reviewing magic potion containers.

PSHE - Our school value this term is responsibility. We will learn about the importance of taking responsibility for ourselves and others, organising our belongings and following routines.

Computing – E-safety and coding - using repetition and variables.

ENRICHMENT

Our topic will have a drama focus based on Macbeth's witches' scene.

DOUBLE, DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE

FIRE BURN AND CAULDRON BUBBLE

HOMEWORK:

The main focus of homework this half term will be times tables, basic addition skills and spelling. We would also ask that children get into a regular routine of reading for at least 2 hours per week. There will also be a homework task sheet if the children would like to do more topic based activities.

READING

It is important that your child's reading book and reading record comes into school **every day**. They will work with an adult to improve their reading skills at least once a week through individual / guided / shared reading sessions and in other lessons. Please remember to read with your child for at least 2 hour per week and sign the reading record book. Our focus text this half term is on author's use of language and the effect of different vocabulary.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

Please support your child with their homework and encourage them to aim high and produce neat work of a good standard. Please also read with / listen to your child reading regularly (at least 2 hours a week) and comment and sign in the reading diary. Remember to ask questions about what they have read and make it a pleasurable experience.

SPELLING:

A spelling list will be sent home each week and tested the following Thursday. The whole school spelling improvement 'drive' continues and we ask that you support your child at home to learn accurate spelling.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: - Tuesday and Thursday (Please send PE kits in on Monday and take home on Friday)

Swimming - Friday (from 22nd Sept)

MENTAL MATHS FOCUS

In class we are focussing on a weekly "Maths mountain" times table challenge and "Beat That" and ask that you encourage your child to practice at home to build confidence, resilience and speed.