

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the work that your child's class will be doing during this term. We have also suggested ways in which you can help your child at home.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Prangle, Mr Thomas & Mr Bowen

Class: Year 4

Term: Autumn

Theme: School is Magic

This term our focus will be exploring "The Magic of School".

In **Science and Technology**, we will be looking at potions and how materials mix and change.

In **Language and Literacy**, we will be reading a range of magical and mysterious fiction and looking at the way in which characters feel and how they develop.

Main areas of study:

In **ICT** we will be focussing on Word Processing and learning how to access all the tools on a variety of online platforms.

As part of our **Religion, Values and Ethics** teaching, the children will be using their own experience and the experiences of the characters in the book we read to explore their ideas around belonging and family.

In **Expressive Arts** we will be teaching through responses to key scenes and

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events in different texts. The children will also have the opportunity to compose music to represent a storm and create magical worlds using a range of different materials. They will be looking at character portraits and developing their eye for detail with regards to shading and depth in their artwork.

Health and Wellbeing will be a big focus this term and we are giving the children the opportunity to take part in a range of team sports. They will also be taking part in yoga and Zumba sessions.

In **Maths and Numeracy** we will be focussing on developing the children's number skills, to include place value, subtraction and addition. All numeracy will be topic based and the children have access to Times Tables Rockstars and/or Numbots to develop their mental maths skills.

This year we will be taking a more formal approach to spelling. We will be sending home spelling words weekly as soon as the children have been assessed.

Ways in which you can help at home:

- Please listen to your child reading at home every night (a Reading Diary is provided for you to make comments).
- Visit your local library to choose books relevant to topics being studied at school.
- Please make sure that your child logs in to TT Rockstars/Numbots and that they practise their times tables as often as possible.
- Support your child in practising their spellings and tables for their tests every Friday
- If you happen to have any interesting and magical objects at home that you think you could share with us then please do send them (no valuable items though)
- PE will be on a Tuesday. Please send your child to school in their kit on this day.

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	•	Do you have any expertise in this area and would like to share it with
Ways you		us?
can help	•	Do you have any artefacts or interesting objects we could use?
us?	•	Can you donate any equipment, which may help us develop our
		outdoor area?

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