












Half term overview- Yr 4- Blue Class

This is Blue Classes curriculum overview for the Spring term 1. This overview gives you a brief explanation of what the pupils will be doing in school. It also gives you suggestions of activities to support pupil's learning at home. These are only suggestions, not compulsory activities.

<p>Topic</p> <p>Our topic this half term is 'Spellbound' which has a science focus. The children will be mixing substances and observing the changes using different lotions and potions.</p> <p>Week 1- Witches & Wizards Week 2- Spooky Animals Week 3- Potions in water Week 4- Potions & spells Week 5- Smells</p> 	<p>Maths</p> <p>Our learning in measurement will be linked to our topic. We will be using equipment to measure liquids when making potions and spells!</p> <p>Week 1- Number Week 2- Measurement - capacity Week 3- Measurement - capacity Week 4- Number Week 5- Geometry - shapes</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>Winnie the Witch. Winnie the Witch lives in a black house with black chairs and black stairs.... But Winnie's cat, Wilbur, is black as well, and Winnie's always tripping over him! How can she use her magic?</p> <p>Week 1, 2 and 3 - Winnie the Witch. Week 4 and 5 - we will be having a class vote to decide which other book we can read from the Winnie series.</p> 	<p>Phonics/ Reading</p> <p>We will continue to teach phonics in our differentiated groups within the year group. Pupils will be learning the sounds of letters and how to blend sounds to read words.</p> <p>In reading the pupils will be reading 1:1 with an adult and sharing a book from a library.</p> <p>We will change our books on Tuesdays. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts linked to the animals we are learning about in our topic.</p>	<p>Cookery</p> <p>Year 4's cookery focus this half term is sweet muffins. The children will be using their skills to bake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Banana muffins -Chocolate chip muffins - Raspberry & white chocolate muffins - Lemon & poppy seed muffins 
<p>Computing</p> <p>This half term our ICT unit is Animation & Design. Pupils will use animation and design packages to create a product or short animation. They will need to use techniques demonstrated to them to become an animator and/ or designer.</p>	<p>Expressive Arts</p> <p>The focus for our expressive arts lessons this half term will be:</p> <p>Week 1 & 2- Shop Role Play Week 3- Country Music Week 4- Line Dancing Week 5- Barn Dancing</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Class Spellbound</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Spring 1 Overview</p>	<p>Speech & Language</p> <p>We will be using a visual resource called 'Colourful Semantics' as a strategy to help the children verbalise simple sentences. They will look at a picture and use symbols to say The man is drinking juice.</p> 	<p>PE</p> <p>This half term in PE the pupils will be focussing on gymnastics. We will be developing their gross motor skills by making different shapes with their bodies and moving in different directions.</p>
<p>Things to do at home...</p> <p>Try creating 'potions' at home using household items (soaps, bubble bath, washing up liquid, flour) - a good opportunity to learn about safety at home and which things are dangerous.</p> 	<p>Science</p> <p>Our science work will link in with our topic learning about our senses.</p> <p>Week 1- Sight Week 2- Hearing Week 3- Taste Week 4- Touch Week 5- Smell</p> 	<p>Trips</p> <p>We will be visiting our local area to collect ingredients for our topic lessons in class (e.g. flowers to make our perfumes).</p> 	<p>Important dates</p> <p>Thursday 18th January- Visit from some owls. Friday 9th February- Witches and Wizards fancy dress day</p> 	<p>PSHE</p> <p>In PSHE we are working on self help skills at snack and breakfast time. We will be teaching and encouraging the children to wash up their own plates and bowls when they have finished and cleaning up their areas of the table.</p>

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