







Half term overview- Yr 4- Purple Class

This is Purple Classes curriculum overview for the Spring 1 term. 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 pupils 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>Week 1 - Number Week 2 - Geometry Week 3 - Measurement Week 4 - Number Week 5 - Geometry</p> 	<p>English</p> <p>Week 1 - Winnie the Witch Week 2 - Winnie the Witch Week 3 - Winnie the Witch Week 4 - Winnie the Witch Week 5 - Winnie the Witch</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 visit the library to change our books once a week. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts linked to our topic and about some books about owls and bats.</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>Purple Class Spellbound</p>  <p>Spring 1 Overview</p>	<p>Speech & Language</p> <p>This term we will continue our weekly group speaking and listening sessions. This half term we will be focussing on listening and remembering new vocabulary. Also responding to questions using short phrases or two signs.</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. We will practice balancing and doing a teddy bear roll!</p>
<p>Things to do at home...</p> <p>Continue practising writing skills with fun things such as sand, cornflour, threading and other fine motor activities to help them develop a good pincer grip. Try mixing different things together to create fun potions.</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>In our topic we will focus on mixtures and changing state. Each week in our discreet science lesson we will be focussing on Life processes and particularly learning about humans and animals (particularly pets)</p>	<p>Trips</p> <p>We will hopefully be going to visit Pets at Home as part of our science focus learning about identifying animals and their needs</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>Each week we will be focussing on learning the skills of playing together such as sharing, taking turns and being aware of another person playing with you. We hope to join up with a yr 6</p>