



Monkton CEP School

Ladybird Class

Newsletter

Term 2- Potions

'In God's eyes, everyone is special'



English

In Term 2 we will begin by creating our own potions, writing instructions. Then we will begin to explore our first core text, Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, writing character descriptions. We will use Shakespeare's Macbeth Act IV, Scene 1, Double, double toil and trouble, learning about rhyming couplets. We will explore play scripts, identifying the features before writing our own based on Roald Dahl's 'The Witches'. Finally, we will explore our new Christmas theme during the final weeks of Term 2.

General

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you all had a good half term and a well-earned rest. Our new topic is Potions, and details of the new homework project were sent home on the first day. This term, there are different options for homework which again were sent home at the start of this week, please feel free to email me if you are unsure in any way.

Science

Our topic for Term 2 is States of Matter, how everything exists in one of these states and how different materials can change state through different processes such as melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation. In addition, we will be completing the partner investigations- Are all liquids runny? How do smells get up your nose? and Is custard a liquid?

ICT

Following a recap on how to stay safe when using any technology on line, we will continue to learn about reliable search engines and how to use them effectively for research before continuing to learn what software developers do.

Maths

We will continue to develop our understanding of methods for addition and subtraction, both mental and written methods such as the column method. We will then move onto a short unit on measure- length and perimeter, before beginning to learn methods for multiplication and division.

RE

In Term 2 we will be learning about Sikhism, exploring core beliefs and answering the question What is important for Sikh people? Finishing the term learning about how Christians prepare for Christmas.

PE

Class 3 will still have PE on a Tues afternoon, although please could PE kits remain in school at all times. In Term 2, Team Theme will be learning invasion games.

Foundation subjects

History- The history of potions, including medicine

Art- Observational drawing- still life- potion bottles. Designing out own potion bottles before making these in clay.

Design Technology- Developing products- making bath bombs

French - Eurostar's programme- Jeux et chansons (games and songs)

PSHE- Our well-being focus continues as we move through this difficult time.

This will be supported by our Heart Smart programme, where we will be exploring the unit- Don't forget to let the love in. We will also be exploring the valuable work of charities such as Crisis at Christmas and their work to support those going through a very difficult time, often living on the streets.

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning that they might be unfamiliar with that you might like to help them understand:

| <u>Science</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Maths</u> | <u>English</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| solid | magician | perimeter | instructions |
| gas | medicine | width | imperative |
| liquid | poison | length | rhyming |
| evaporation | melting | multiplication | couplets |
| condensation | freezing | division | script |

Websites

<https://trockstars.com/>- Times Table Rock Stars

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvmxsbk/articles/zsr4k7h-> Perimeter

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z36tyrd-> Multiplication and division

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks2-macbeth/zdt42sg-> Macbeth

Special days (unfortunately the come join us days cannot take place until current COVID restrictions are lifted)

- Dates for diaries: PE is still on a Tuesday pm; HW- new spellings and times tables will be handed out each Monday, then tested on the following week on a Monday
- Spelling Bee year group heats- Friday 13th November- in class
- Anti-bullying week- Monday 16th November for 1 week
- Spelling Bee final- Friday 27th November- via Zoom in class
- Thursday 3rd December- Flu vaccinations
- Friday 18th December- Class Christmas parties and end of Term 2 - We finish from 2pm on this day, timings to be confirmed.