



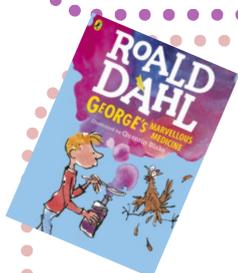
## Year 4 Newsletter—Autumn 2 2020

### Welcome back Year 4!

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term. As always, the children have made a brilliant start to the new term. They are full of enthusiasm for their learning, shown through their excellent learning behaviour and positive attitudes. It is a delight to have them back!

We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us as and we are looking forward working together, with parents and carers, to continue to support your child's learning.

The staff working in Year 4 are: Miss Pickering (4RP's class teacher), Mrs Edwards (4RP's teaching assistant), Miss Campbell (4EC's class teacher) and Miss Goodhead (4EC's teaching assistant). As always, if you have anything you'd like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of us.



### Year 4 Curriculum

#### English

Our novel this term is called 'George's Marvellous Medicine', written by the famous children's author Roald Dahl. The story involves a boy called George who decides to mix up a foul potion and links to our topic for this term: Potions. In writing lessons, we will be writing to compare the characters in the story, creating our own wonderfully creative potion recipes and devising our own narratives.

#### Maths

This half term we will begin with learning written methods for harder addition and subtraction calculations. We will then move on to data handling and securing our multiplication and division facts. Children will learn how to quickly and mentally divide by 100. As always, secure times table knowledge is essential to quick and accurate calculations, so please encourage your child to use Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

#### Topic

Your child should have already brought home their knowledge organiser for this term. Please read through it with your child, scan the QR codes, help them with the vocabulary and look at the beautiful images provided. Our topic is 'Potions' and we will be learning about the history of medical advances, sketching potion bottles and learning about states of matter in



### Other Information

- ◇ **PE Days:** 4RP has PE on Mondays and 4EC has PE on Fridays
- ◇ **Music:** 4RP will continue learning how to play the violin while 4EC have non-instrumental music lessons. We will then swap over at Christmas.
- ◇ **Reading:** the Windmill expectation is that all children read at least three times a week. Please record each read in your child's reading diary to be awarded a reading band.
- ◇ **Homework:** on a Friday your child will receive their spellings and times-table homework for the following week. At the beginning of each term, children will bring home their learning log sheets. From these sheets, they should choose 3 activities to complete as homework over the term. Children should practise times tables on TTRS regularly.