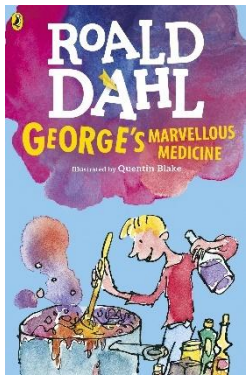


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Lower Key Stage 2

Autumn 1



In Lower Key Stage 2, our learning this half-term will see us exploring the much-loved text **George's Marvellous Medicine**. The story follows young George Kranky, who concocts a magical potion to change his unpleasant grandmother's behaviour. The consequences of his actions are more than he bargained for! The book explores themes of creativity, consequences and how we should treat others.

In **English** this half-term, pupils will be exploring and using the features of instructions to make a medicine for Grandma. We will also create character descriptions and diary entries based on the text.

We will be focussing on ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard, as well as learning the features of these text types.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be focussing on place value and addition and subtraction methods. In Year 3 we will use 3-digit numbers and in Year 4 we will learn to do this with 4-digit numbers.

We will also focus upon building automatic recall with our multiplication tables.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will explore, compare and contrast the beliefs about crime and punishment from different time periods (the Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Tudor periods). We will discover that the Victorians created a system of crime prevention.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning how to use a compass to locate countries around the world. We will learn the 8 different compass points, locate locations and take part in some orienteering exercises.

Science

In Science this half-term, we will be learning what living things need to grow and stay healthy and comparing the needs of humans and animals. We will construct and interpret a variety of food chains and explain the requirements of a balanced diet for humans.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be exploring the artwork of Quentin Blake who famously illustrated many of Roald Dahl's book. We will create self-portraits in Blake's style and add a watercolour wash. In DT, we will learn to use levers to create a moving picture.

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will consider how we can be respectful citizens: appreciating the range of regional, religious and ethnic identities in the UK, thinking about what makes a positive healthy friendship and how they can make people feel and also explaining how personal behaviour can impact others. In RE, we will understand that many Christians use Jesus as a role model for them to help better themselves and look at some of the moral and spiritual stories Christians believe.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Lower Key Stage 2 Teachers: Miss Hunt and Miss Brook

Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Durham, Mrs Abdy and Mrs Weathers.

Year 3 - **P.E.** is on: **Monday and Tuesday**

Year 4 - **P.E.** is on: **Tuesday and Thursday (Swimming)**

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 50 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday.

Spelling tests are completed on a Friday morning. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.