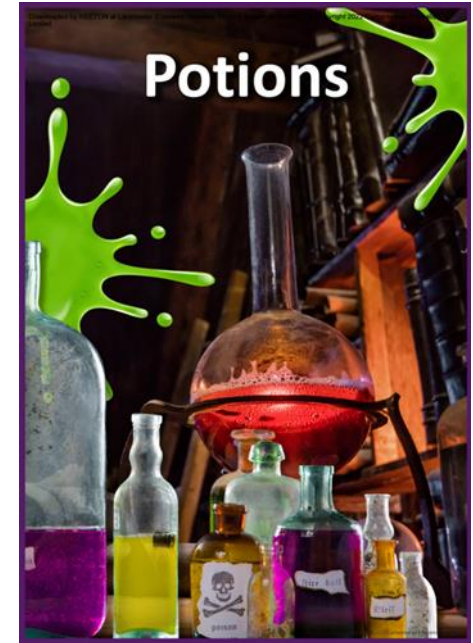


## Year 4 Spring Term 1 - Parent Information

### Potions

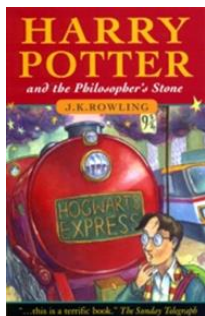
Potion: a potions, a mixture, an aromatic brew, a vapour, a liquid or a sticky goo. Welcome to the amazing magical world of potions and their properties. Now scientists, beware. There are some powerful and deadly potions out there, dangerous, unpredictable or tragic (just ask Romeo and Juliet). Use what you know about materials and their properties to create incredible potions in Professor Hazard's Potions class. Feeling sleepy? That orange juice did taste a little strange...



### Helping your child prepare for their project

'Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble.' Why not hunt around the house to track down a wide variety of items and sort them into solids, liquids and gases? You could also sketch interesting bottles or containers that you have at home. Alternatively, you could try baking something new together, thinking about how the ingredients change when you mix and cook them.

## Our Class Novel – Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone



Ten-year-old Harry Potter is an orphan who lives with the Dursleys: his uncaring Aunt Petunia, loathsome Uncle Vernon, and spoiled cousin Dudley. The Dursleys barely tolerate Harry, and Dudley bullies him. One day Harry is astonished to receive a letter addressed to him in the cupboard under the stairs (where he sleeps). Before he can open the letter Uncle Vernon takes it. Letters for Harry subsequently arrive each day, in increasing numbers, but Uncle Vernon tears them all up, and finally, in an attempt to escape the letters the Dursleys go to a miserable shack on a small island. On Harry’s 11th birthday, a giant named Hagrid arrives and reveals that Harry is a wizard and that he has been accepted at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. He also sheds light on Harry’s past, informing the boy that his parents, a wizard and a witch, were killed by the evil wizard Voldemort and that Harry acquired the lightning-bolt scar on his forehead during the fatal confrontation.

<b>Curriculum Themes for this half-term</b>	
<b>Memorable experience</b>	<b>Captain Chemistry and Forest Schools</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>Formal letter, playscript based on Sorting Hat and mystery story</b>
<b>Maths</b>	<b>Multiplication, division, length, perimeter and fractions</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>Sound</b>
<b>A&amp;D</b>	<b>Potion bottles and baking biscuits</b>
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Programming - repetition in shapes</b>
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Potions from around the world</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>Famous physicians and significant medical breakthroughs</b>
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Keeping safe</b>
<b>RE</b>	<b>What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>Les portraits (parts of the body, personal description)</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Ukulele with 3 chords</b>