

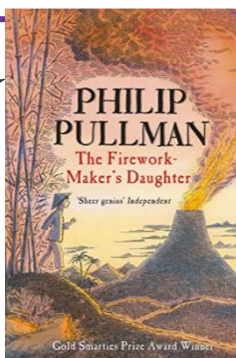
Larson  
Curriculum Newsletter  
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**In English**, we will be reading extracts from the book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. We will use evidence from the book to build a character profile about Alice and write safety labels for unsafe potions. Moreover, we will retell the main events from the well known play script *Romeo and Juliet* and use our own ideas to write an alternative ending. Finally, we will read the spell from *Macbeth*, Act IV, Scene I: "Double, double, toil and trouble." We will then use similar features to generate a list of rhyming ingredients to create poems of our own.

**In PSHE**, we will discuss what our body can do and how it is special. We will explore the importance of keeping clean and what we can do for ourselves to stay clean and how this will change for the future.

**In RE**, we will be making clear links between the story of Pentecost and the Christian belief about the Kingdom of God on Earth. We will also give examples of what Pentecost means to some Christians now.

Our class  
book is:



This half term  
our theme is  
Potions



**In Art**, we will use watercolours to paint the inside of a potion bottle. We will look at a piece of art called "The Love Potion" by Evelyn de Morgan and use this as a stimulus for writing a finding tale. Furthermore, we will create a collaborative piece of artwork by melting wax crayons.

**In Science**, we will be exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases through a range of exciting experiments. We will test the viscosity of different liquids down a ramp and investigate the properties of bubbles. We will research how gases are part of our everyday life including looking into the process of condensation. In addition, we will measure the temperature of water in different conditions using thermometers and apply our mathematical skills to record how it changes over time.

**In History**, we will look at how potions were used as medicines and read a range of shocking historical accounts about surgeries without anaesthesia. We will then use our research to write a letter from the perspective of a doctor who has observed the first demonstration of surgery using ether.

**In indoor P.E.** every Thursday, we will be exploring how to use transitions to go in and out of balances and perform balances at different levels. Outside, every Wednesday, a professional cricket coach will be teaching us a range of throwing and batting techniques. Please make sure children have a full PE kit and trainers in school, which are suitable for running. This may include gloves and coats in windier weather.

**In Maths**, we start the half term by recognising decimal equivalents of any number of tenths and hundredths. We will recognise and write decimal equivalents of a half, quarter and three quarters. We will compare numbers with the same decimal places up to two decimal places and round decimals to the nearest whole number. Later in the half term, we will be converting between different units of measure and reading and converting time from a digital and 12-hour clock. To support us in our learning of time, we will be encouraging all children at home to be reading the time on a regular basis.

### Reading

Ensuring that your child reads on a regular basis; is important, as being a fluent and confident reader serves to enhance all areas of the curriculum. We ask that all children have their reading book and yellow reading record in school every day.

Those who have read five times in a week and comments have been signed by an adult at home will have a raffle ticket entered into a class prize draw for this half term.

Our library time slot, as a class, will now be on a Friday.

Just a reminder that:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- Larson Science Workshop  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March- Science Workshop (for parents)  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Mothering Sunday Lunch  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Consultations  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Consultations  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March- Larson Celebration Assembly

