



## English:

For Autumn Term, we will begin by focussing on the 'Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation'. We will explore nouns and verbs and their 'job' in a sentence and practise the basics of structuring our sentences accurately. We will apply these skills to focus on writing for different audiences and purposes including non-chronological reports, playscripts, a persuasive advert and a narrative. During daily reading lessons, we will focus on ensuring we can read texts accurately and fluently in addition to practising skills involving retrieval, inferences and vocabulary. Each morning, we will have a 'Reading for Pleasure' session where children will enjoy listening to a range of different stories including 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker and 'The Great Kapok Tree'. Many of the texts link closely to



topics the children have explored either previously in year 3 or in year 4. Spelling lessons will take place each Monday to learn the focussed spelling pattern for that week. We ask that you help your child with learning their spellings each week in preparation for a test each Friday.

## History / Geography:



For History we will be exploring: 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' We will learn about who the Anglo-Saxons were and why they invaded Britain. We will identify features of Anglo-Saxon settlements and delve

into their beliefs, customs and traditions until finally understanding how their rule came to an end. For Geography, we will be exploring: 'Where does our food come from?' We will identify that different foods grow in different biomes and explain which food has the most significant negative impact on the environment. We will consider a change people can make to reduce the negative impact of food production and describe the intentions around trading responsibly. We will describe the journey of a cocoa bean, locate countries on a world map using an atlas and complete fieldwork locally around food production and consumption.



## Maths:

During Autumn Term, we will be focussing on areas of maths including:

- ✓ Place value
- ✓ Addition and subtraction
- ✓ Area
- ✓ Multiplication and division



During our maths lesson, we will practise fluency, problem solving and reasoning tasks based on these areas. Please encourage your children to practise their times tables up to 12x12 and corresponding division facts using the Times Table Rockstars app.

## Science:



For the first half of autumn term, we will learn to recognise the seven life processes common to all living things and sort living things using a variety of criteria and describe features and

characteristics of animals and plants. We will conduct a local habitat search and learn to identify unknown living things using a classification key. States of Matter will be the topic for the second half of the term. We will identify and learn the difference between solids, liquids and gases; investigate the effects of heating and cooling and identify the different stages of the water cycle.



## Computing/Online Safety:

Children will develop their understanding of networks and learn that the World Wide Web is part of the internet.

## Music:

Year 4 will have whole class music lessons every Tuesday afternoon with a specialist teacher from Wolverhampton Music school.

## PSHE/Wellbeing:

In PSHE, we will begin by setting ground rules and expectations, followed by exploring children's rights and responsibilities, discussing the benefits of recycling and recognising some of the different groups within the local community. We will also describe how democracy works and recognise the need for rules and the consequences of breaking rules.

## RE:

In RE, we will learn about the Jewish faith including the stories of Moses, rituals and festivals.

**Spanish:** This term, we will learn to use basic greetings, ask somebody how they are feeling and reply when asked, ask somebody their name, how old they are and where they live in Spanish and reply,

## PE:

Outdoor PE will be on Wednesday afternoons. Children will be learning the rules and playing netball and tag rugby. Indoor PE will be on Monday afternoons. Children will be learning dance and gymnastics skills.

Please ensure that children wear the correct PE kit on the days above, including a Rakegate Primary polo shirt and appropriate footwear.

## Dates for your diary:

Inset day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
 Y4 Come Dine with Me – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
 Y3/Y4 Maths Cafe – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
 Parents' Evening – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
 Homework Deadline (Autumn 1) – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
 Half Term – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
 Y4 Family Morning – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
 Homework Deadline (Autumn 2) – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
 Computing Workshop – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
 End of Term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December