



Year 4 2021

# AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

All the exciting things that are happening in your class this half term

## WELCOME

Welcome to our half termly newsletter. Here you can find out what your child will be learning about this half term.



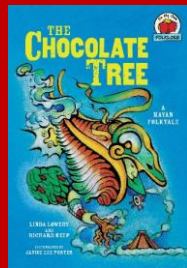
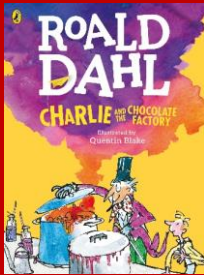
Mackesy Class's Topic this half term is...

## Chocoholics



### ENGLISH

In English, we will be reading two brilliant books about chocolate! We will read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, writing character descriptions, spy reports, newspaper reports, letters and diaries. We will also read *The Chocolate Tree*, writing travel brochures, speeches and poems. We are focusing on using precise language for a specific purpose.



### MATHS

In Mental Calculation sessions, we are focusing on our times tables. We are counting in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, and 8s. We will also be looking at number bonds.

In our main maths lessons, we will be learning about place value and addition and subtraction. We will learn about thousands, comparing and ordering numbers, and learn how to add two 3 and 4 digit numbers. We will also learn how to subtract efficiently, when exchange is needed.



### READING

In Reading, children will be doing daily whole class reading. We will be focused on the 7 Skills of 7 Mills. We will read: *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *The Chocolate Tree*, focusing on retrieval, summarising and inferring.

### SCIENCE

In Science, we will be learning about states of matter, comparing and grouping materials into solids, liquids and gases. We will also learn about changes of state.



Gas

Liquid

Solid

Ambitious, Compassionate & Empowered

## COMPUTING

Our E-Safety this half term focuses on reliability of online sources.

We will then be learning about networks and how autocomplete works. We will use the internet to understand how multiple services are provided by the web.



## DT

In Art this half term, we will be learning about chocolate making! We will research different products, design our own product using a design brief and then create and evaluate our product.



## HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

In Topic, we will be learning about where cocoa beans grow and exploring the journey from bean to product. We will also learn about who the Mayans were and where they came from. We will learn about Mayan's religious beliefs and the decline of the Mayan civilisation.



## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about BEING ME. We will be learning about how it feels to be included in a group and how I contribute to my community. We will understand that our actions affect myself and others.



## PE

In PE, we will be learning a dance with Laura for Black History Month. We will also be swimming every week until the summer.



## MUSIC

In Music, we will be learning about jingles and swing. We will develop our understanding of pulse and rhythm. We will also develop our tempo and dynamic skills.



We will also be learning an instrument every week in extra music lessons.

## ORACY

In Oracy this half term, we are all developing discussion guidelines in class and practising greeting people in different ways.



## SPANISH

In Spanish, we are learning about Mi familia. We will learn how to talk about members of our family and ask others about their families.

