



Year 4 Autumn Term 2023



English:

The first few weeks of autumn term, we will be using the transition text, 'Gangsta Granny' to write character and setting descriptions as well as a short narrative. We will then be reading and using 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman as a stimulus for our writing, reading and grammar. We will be writing a range of genres including diary entries, descriptions, persuasive writing and poetry. During grammar lessons, we will recap skills learnt in Year 3, and begin to learn about subordinate clauses, adverbial phrases and past and present tense. Handwriting will continue to be a focus in all lessons as well as learning the spelling and spelling patterns from the statutory Year 3/4 word list. We ask that you help your child with learning their spellings each week which will be set via the Ed Shed.

History / Geography:

This term, our history topic will be: 'How hard was it to invade and settle in Britain?' and our geography topic will be: 'Why are rainforests important to us?'. The first half of the term we will be learning all 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. We will link this to some of our art and D&T work including shields and crowns. For our second topic, we will be learning all about rainforests and locating them around the world. We will describe the characteristics and understand the lives of indigenous people living in the Amazon rainforest. This topic will link to our own woodland areas and we will collect, analyse and present findings on how local woodland is used.

Maths:

Throughout the term, we will be following the 'White Rose' maths scheme and 'Power maths'. The schemes will include:

- ✓ Place Value
- ✓ Addition and Subtraction
- ✓ Area
- ✓ Multiplication and Division

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, our topic will be Animals Including Humans. We will be learning all about the human digestive system, the function and purpose of teeth as well as identifying producers, predators and prey within food chains.

States of Matter will be the topic for the second half of the term. Children 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 (Computing Systems and Networks)

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

British Values/PSHE/RE

In PSHE, we will learn about democracy and pupils will elect a school council representative. We will consider what makes a good friend and how to deal with falling out. In RE, we will learn about the Jewish faith including the stories of Moses, rituals and festivals.

PE:

Outdoor PE will be on **Monday** afternoons. Children will be learning the rules and playing netball and tag rugby.

Indoor PE will be on **Wednesday** 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:

- 4th September: INSET day
- 5th September: Children return to school
- 27th September: KS2 Reading Parent Meeting at 9:00am
- 29th September: Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 3rd October: Year 4 Come Dine With Me
- 5th October: School Photographs (Individuals)
- 12th October: Parent consultations
- 19th October - Year 4 Family Morning
- 24th October: KS2 Anglo-Saxon Workshop
- 26th October: School Disco
- 27th October - 5th November: Half Term Holiday
- 20th November: INSET day
- 21st December: KS2 Christmas Parties
- 22nd December: Term ends at 1pm