



### Learning Challenge Curriculum

During the half term, we will be completing our work on rainforests before delving into York's Chocolate story. We are excited for our school trip to York Chocolate Story!

After half term, we will be exploring 'Mighty Mighty Yorkshire'! This will allow us the opportunity to look at maps, the human and physical features and create our own sketch maps.



### Literacy

We have started the term by looking at newspaper reports. We have transported ourselves to America and are reporting on a serious Jewel theft. We are going to move onto performance poetry where we will write a poem and perform to others!

After half term, we will be writing non-chronological reports using all the information we learn about Yorkshire. We will also be creating stories set in an imaginative world! Children can use their creativity to build an imaginary land and use all their writing skills from the year to create their final end of year writing!



### Maths

In Year 3, children will be exploring non unit fractions and will be adding and subtracting fractions. We will have the opportunity to explore shapes and tell the time to the nearest minute. We will then solve problems involving time!

In Year 4, children will continue their journey through learning all the multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. We will finish exploring fractions and solve problems linked to this. We will then look at symmetry, division and time.

Times tables and number bonds are a key focus in Y3 and Y4 as all children by the end of Year 4 need to have a 6 second recall time of all times tables. Please use TT rockstars frequently and come and see us if you need any support with this.



### Design Technology and Science

In Design Technology we will be looking at cooking and nutrition. We will use our senses to describe what we have made and look into how healthy our choices are!



In Science, children will learn about states of matter and explore solids, liquids and gases. We will carry out investigations to see what happens when things are heated and cooled. After half term, we will be exploring the human body and looking at the skeleton and muscles.

### Attendance

Please make sure your child is in school and ready to learn at **8.50am every day**. If you have any messages to pass on, please let the teaching assistant know on the playground and they will pass the message on to the class teacher. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. This can result in your child falling behind their peers in many areas of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on **01904 806655 before 9am** and let us know.



### How can you support your child's learning?

Hearing your child reading every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes three times a week and make a note in their reading record. Reading records will be checked on a **Friday** and golden tickets will be awarded for children reading at least three times a week. A spelling list will be sent home on a Friday with 5 words to learn. Children will have a spelling test the following **Friday** on the words they have learnt. In addition to this, a piece of maths or literacy homework will be set on a Friday and will need to be handed in the following **Friday**.



It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars from home and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts. Additionally, Bug Club online will support your child with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Each child has their own login. Please speak to a member of the team if you require these for home.

### Things to remember each week - PE Days

Lobsters and Pufferfish - Monday and Thursday

Stingrays - Monday

Stingrays will be swimming on a Thursday.

