

# Welcome to Year 3/4

Mr Willars and Mrs Green



## English

Firstly, we will be exploring the exciting world of chocolate making as we immerse ourselves in the exciting world of Mr Willy Wonka. Through reading this book as a class, we will be writing about the incredible chocolate room in the world-famous factory. We will also be learning about instructional writing before half-term. Alongside this, we will continue to become handwriting, grammar and spelling experts through our homework and writing.

## Music

In music this term we will be using our voices to change how we read poetry and looking at singing songs related to the outdoors and the environment. We will also be using percussion to help bring our songs to life.

## Well-Being

Our 'Well-Being Wednesday' session will continue this year. Year 3/4 will be learning basic First Aid skills this term. Alongside this, we will cover the four other areas of well-being such as Giving, Being Active, Taking Notice and Connecting.



## Religious Education & British Values

Our focus value for this term is respect and tolerance. The bird that we have linked this value to is the owl. Also, in Religious Education, we will explore Hindu celebrations and hope to recreate some of them ourselves.

## Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on number and place value. We will be ordering, comparing and partitioning numbers from 1000 to 10000 (depending on year group). We will also be using our knowledge of number facts to help us with solving number problems relating to the place value of numbers. We will be using a concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to our learning to help us progress through each area of maths this year. All times tables (1-12) are an incredibly important part of our Maths work in Year 3/4 this year so please practise these at home as much as you can on Times Tables Rock Stars.



## PE

PE will take place on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon with Mr Willars. It is essential that PE kit is in school on these days. All jewellery will need to be removed and hair tied back. This term there will be a focus on hand-eye coordination and gymnastics.



## Computing

We will explore coding and create a variety of PowerPoint presentations linked to our topic. We will also be using Pic-Collage to create posters relating to the inventions and inventors we will be learning about.

## Science

This term we will be linking our Science learning to our topic, Incredible Inventions. Through this, we will be exploring sound, identifying how sound is created and how pitch and volume can change a sound. We will also be investigating electricity, identifying the properties of conductors and insulators, as well as making some circuits and understanding the science behind how they can work. We will be conducting investigations during both of these studies.



## Topic

This term, we will be investigating some of the greatest inventors in history and the impact their inventions are still having today in the modern world. We will be going back in time to compare and debate the impact some of the world's most revolutionary inventions. We will also be exploring the lives of Alexander Graham-Bell (the inventor of the telephone) and Thomas Edison (the inventor of the lightbulb). We will also be exploring marble art and making silhouettes of some famous inventions.



## Grown Ups

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all this year and working as a team to ensure your children reach their full potential. I truly value your help and support in ensuring that your child has a fantastic time in Year 3/4. Please, always come and speak to me if there is anything at all that I can help you with; my door is always open.

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and your child will have **one week** to learn them before having a test on the following Friday. In Spelling and Grammar sessions, your child will learn spelling rules to support them with their current spellings. Additionally, homework will be handed out on Fridays, which will be due in on the following Thursday. We will try and alternate the homework each week. For instance, it may be Maths one week, topic the next and then Literacy.

This half term, the children will also be participating in Mandarin lessons each Monday afternoon. This wonderful experience is conducted by a teacher in China and will see the children review, learn and progress their language skills through fun games and activities. This will be very exciting!