



# EMPOWER Curriculum - Parent Overview



## Middle School - Autumn Term I 2020

### English, Language and Communication

- Speaking, Listening and Communication lessons will focus on circle time learning, listening to information and asking questions.
- During English lessons we will be exploring *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, using describing words to create settings and characters as well as the use of words in advertising and how Roald Dahl created his own. We will also continue to develop reading skills daily through our bespoke phonics programme and varied reading lessons.

### Mathematics, Science and DT

- In our maths we will be improving our number skills and calculation. We will learn about measuring lengths for different purposes and we will learn about position and direction and giving instructions.
- Our Science unit is Materials and their properties. Students will learn about states of matter, exploring evaporation, condensation and the water cycle.
- In DT we will design a chocolate bar and its packaging to encourage others to buy the product.

### Personal Development and Digital Literacy

- In PSHE we will develop students sense of self and self-esteem, looking at personal qualities. We will look at what makes a community and choices towards balancing mental health.
- In ICT we will focus on What Computing Is and How Computers Work.
- In PE we are developing skills on a bike with a focus on agility.

### Opportunities to Learn About the World Around

- We will research and explore the history of Chocolate, asking and answering questions from Mayan times up to the present day.
- We will look at how children live and have to work in some countries. In RE we will be finding out about what it means to follow a religion, with a focus on ceremonies.

### World of Work and Independent Living

- In food studies we will be exploring chocolate and developing our cooking skills using the hob and the microwave.

### Engagement in the Arts

- In music, learning is focused around one song: *Livin' on a Prayer*. We will sing, play, improvise and compose with this song.
- In drama we will create still images and plays based on chocolate production, focusing on showing feelings and emotions.

### Real Life Contexts

- Our topic this half term is... CHOCOLATE
- We will be doing lots of learning outside.
- We are focusing on re-establishing our school routines and ensuring everyone feels safe and happy.