

# Year 4 Class Newsletter

2nd half autumn term 2020



## Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term. I hope that you all had a restful break and are feeling ready and refreshed for all of the exciting learning that will be happening this half term.

## Our half termly topic this term is: Chocolate

**What we will be learning as part of our topic:** the history, science and geography of chocolate! Pupils will look at where it comes from, the cultures and civilisations that first invented it and what those countries are like today. We will explore how chocolate and other materials melt when heated, and solidify when cooled, and find out how to keep our teeth and bodies healthy, even after eating chocolate! Pupils will think about how chocolate is grown and made today, and how we can try and make things fair for the farmers who grow cocoa beans around the world.

**What we will be learning in English:** fictional writing. We will be studying Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and writing our own chapters to fit into the story. We will also look at persuasive writing and link this to our learning in topic. Throughout our writing, we will be developing our grammar and punctuation. We will continue to practise our handwriting as well as learn new spelling patterns and rules.

**What we will be learning in Maths:** multiplication, division and fractions. We will be continuing to further embed and develop mastery within these key areas. We will make links to our topic learning by using chocolate bars to help us understand fractions. We will continue to work on our times tables focusing on our 3s, 4s, 6s and 8s.

## Other activities, trips and events this half term include:

- 6<sup>th</sup> November – school photographs being taken
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November - parents evening will be held via zoom
- 24<sup>th</sup> November - parents evening will be held via zoom
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – parents evening will be held via Zoom

**What you can do to help:** the children are encouraged to read every evening for about twenty minutes. Please hear your child read when you can. Ask them questions about the book to help improve their comprehension and understanding. Remember, the best readers also make the best writers! New spellings will be given out for homework each week. Please help and encourage your child to revise their weekly spellings, as well as complete their weekly homework.

## Things to remember:

- PE kits need to be worn on **Mondays** instead of school uniform. The children will also need to wear black trainers every day so that they can take part in daily exercise and physical activities.
- Homework is given out every Friday and is due back to school the following Monday.
- Remember! School starts at 8:50. All children should be lined up and ready each morning.
- Every child should have a bottle of water in school.
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

**Other information:** if you have any other questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to help.

**Best wishes from the class team: Ruth, class teacher - Tom and Hasina, HLTAs and Clare, teaching assistant**