



Chocolate/Growing Things

Literacy

In Literacy and in our daily guided reading sessions, we will use a range of different stimulus as starting points for writing. We will be writing narratives for The Disgusting Sandwich as well as The Chocolate Monster. After half term we will be reading information books about how to grow plants.

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and spelling activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

Phonics and Year 2 spelling rules

Children are grouped according to their current level for their daily phonics and spelling session.

Maths

Our daily Maths lessons this term will be focusing on:

- Addition and subtraction,
- Partitioning,
- Number facts,
- Measure (including time),
- Properties of shape.
- Multiplication and division,
- fractions
- Position and direction.

We will also include plenty of opportunities for children to apply their knowledge when problem solving. Our mental maths sessions will focus on learning times table facts and recognising multiples of different numbers.

Science

Changing States

Our science work will be continued from the Autumn term and will focus on the changing states of chocolate. The children will have the opportunity to experiment with both the solid and liquid forms of chocolate, including what happens to chocolate when it melts.

Other Information:

Library Books

Your child will have library time once a week where they will be able to change their book if they wish. Please let us know if they need to change their book at a different time.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a named water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Homework

Each week your child should be: reading and be evidencing this in their reading diary, learning their spellings and times tables / number bonds
Every half term children will receive a selection of activities to complete over that half term.

Reading / Spelling

These will continue to be checked in school once a week. It is important the children get the chance to practise at home as well as in school and your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

- Share books daily with your child. Listen to them read and also read to them, talking about the things you have read.
- Why not try taking turns to tell a story. One person could start the story and the other person has to carry it on. Remember to use story language and lots of description.
- Discuss different weather types and seasonal changes.

Useful websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk
<http://www.iboard.co.uk/>

PE

Football skills- aiming games
Gymnastics - moving and climbing

PE Days

PE days are now Wednesday and Friday. Please check your child has suitable footwear as well as warm outdoor clothing. Long hair should be tied up.

History/Geography - Chocolate

Children will use a range of resources to learn more about the history of chocolate. This will include a visit from the Ministry of Chocolate - a chocolate workshop.

RE - Remembering Passover

Children will be learning about Passover and Paschal candles.

PSHE - Resilience

This term, we shall be introducing our new learning value, resilience. The children will learn how to keep trying things that they find tough to achieve their goals

Art - Winter/Spring Pictures

Children will be using different materials to create a variety of winter picture scenes. Children will use paints, pastels, chalk, charcoal and marbling inks.

ICT

The children will be writing algorithms in the Scratch program to make things happen.

Music - Listen 2 Me

This term we will be learning recorders. Children will learn how to play different notes and combine these to play short pieces. The concert this term will be on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm.