



# Year 2 Newsletter



## Spring Term

Our topic this half term is: Chocolate

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready to start the next half term! Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is one of Roald Dahl's best-known children's books and this term we are going to use it to help with our learning.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning about:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book Week. This year our focus is poetry and in particular, reciting and performing a poem.</li><li>• Class Text: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</li><li>• Author study - Roald Dahl</li><li>• Poetry - Mnemonic poems</li><li>• Capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks</li><li>• Suffixes - ment, -ness, -ly, -ful, -less</li><li>• Contractions e.g. didn't, couldn't</li><li>• Editing our writing using the 5 checks</li></ul>	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Position and Direction</u> - clockwise, anti-clockwise, right angles, quarter turn, half turn, three quarter turn</li><li>• <u>Telling the Time</u> - o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past, telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes</li><li>• <u>Addition</u> e.g. <math>23 + 5</math>, <math>46 + 20</math>, <math>24 + 21</math>, <math>48 + 35</math>, showing their thinking in their own way e.g. verbally, in pictures, using dienes, bar model, numicon, empty number lines etc</li><li>• <u>Subtraction</u> e.g. <math>16 - 5</math>, <math>88 - 30</math>, <math>54 - 23</math>, <math>72 - 17</math>, showing their thinking in their own way e.g. verbally, in pictures, using dienes, bar model, numicon, empty number lines etc</li><li>• <u>Scales</u> - read scales in division of ones, twos, fives and tens.</li></ul>		<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sorting objects into living, once living, has never lived and explain their thinking</li><li>• Charlie's Chocolate Factory Sweet Science - experiments</li></ul> <u>Computing - Programming</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn to create and debug algorithms</li><li>• Use the basic commands in Logo to move and draw using the turtle on screen</li><li>• Develop algorithms using the "repeat" command</li><li>• Create algorithms in Scratch using a selection of blocks.</li></ul>
<u>Geography</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparing the human and physical features of Brazil and England including landmark</li></ul>	<u>Art/DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan, design and make a new sweet wrapper</li></ul>	<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthy Me</li><li>• Healthy Choices</li><li>• Medicine Safety</li></ul>	<u>PE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gymnastics</li><li>• Invasion Games</li></ul> <u>RE</u>

buildings, highest points, famous buildings, longest rivers and leaders	using printing techniques		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is lent?</li> <li>• Palm Sunday</li> <li>• Easter Sunday</li> <li>• Who is Jewish and how do they live?</li> </ul>
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### How you can help:

- Visit the library to find books about chocolate, England and Brazil. Compare stories you have read together with other stories you have read.
- Use an atlas/look at a world map with your child.
- Practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s with your children and ask them 2x, 5x and 10x table facts.
- Practise telling the time - o'clock, half past, quarter to/past and to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Encourage your child to take part in our Sponsored Read - The Big Booky Bedtime, the optional Science homework, Inspiration Station, Picture News and Monthly Maths Challenge.

### Other news:

- Book Week takes place this week! Please bring your PJs on Tuesday 21st. Dress Up Day is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.
- On 22nd February, we are holding a Year 2 SATs Information Meeting for Parents at 9am, in the Infant Hall.
- FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads and Everyone male) is Friday 3rd March at 2.30pm.
- On 17th March, it is Red Nose Day.
- On 22nd March, you are invited to attend a KS1 Science Information Meeting, at 9am in the Infant Hall.
- On Friday 24th March you are invited into class for Reading Morning from 8.55-9.15am.
- There will be a PTA Disco on 24th March. Please look out for details in the weekly school newsletter.
- Our annual Easter Egg Competition is on Thursday 30th March. More details to follow!
- Friday 31st March is the last day of term and we close at 1.45pm.

Many thanks,

Year 2 team