



# 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 including Bedtime Story and Dressing Up</li><li>• Class Text: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Golden Ticket</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>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>• Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.</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 buildings, highest points, famous buildings, longest rivers and leaders</li></ul>	<u>Art/DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan, design and make a new sweet wrapper using printing techniques</li></ul>	<u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Healthy Me</li><li>• Healthy Choices</li><li>• Medicine Safety</li><li>• Road Safety</li></ul>	<u>PE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gymnastics</li><li>• Athletics</li></ul> <u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is lent?</li><li>• Palm Sunday</li><li>• Easter Sunday</li></ul>

### How you can help:

- Visit the library to find books about chocolate, England and Brazil. Compare stories you have read together with other stories they 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 Extreme Reading competition and Book Bingo, the optional Science homework, Inspiration Station, Picture News and Monthly Maths Challenge.

### Other news:

- Book Week takes place this week! The children will have a Bedtime Story on Tuesday 22nd February - remember to bring in your pyjamas! Dress Up Day is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Please also encourage your child to take part in the Extreme Reading Challenge and Book Bingo!
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day. Children can wear non-uniform and bring in a donation.
- Our annual Easter Egg Competition is on Thursday 31st March. More details to follow!
- Jupiter Class Assembly will be held on Friday 1st April at 9:10am in the Infant Hall. Parents of the children in Jupiter class are welcome to attend.
- Friday 1st April is the last day of term and we close at 1.45pm.

Many thanks,

Year 2 team