



Be the BEST You Can Be

Class 2 Newsletter

Term 3 2022



Whatever you do, do with all your heart. Colossians 3:23

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to all our children and parents and Happy New Year!

I hope that you've all had a lovely Christmas and have enjoyed a restful break. It's lovely to see that the children are ready to come back to school after their Christmas break and enthusiastic about their learning. We have a busy and fun packed term ahead!

What we are learning

In term 3 we have a whole school book term, where our topics and learning are based around a book. In Class 2 our chosen book is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. It is set to be an exciting term, with lots of 'chocolate' activities across many areas of the curriculum.

In Literacy our focus will be on the characters and adventures surrounding Charlie and Willy Wonka's factory. We will be using the story as a stimulus for our own writing as well as the basis for creating advertisement posters and calligrams.

In Maths we will be exploring money, recognising the coins and notes we use and combining coins to make amounts of money. We will be solving problems using money, using our addition and subtraction knowledge to help us. It would be really useful if you could practice this at home with your children or on a visit to the shops. We will also be practising and developing our learning and knowledge of multiplication and division.

Our learning in Science will focus on 'Uses of Everyday Materials', including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard. We will compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. The children will also explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

We will be developing our Geography and History knowledge through finding out where chocolate comes from and how cocoa beans were first used thousands of years ago, while in Design and Technology the children will have the opportunity to design and create their own chocolate bar and packaging, especially for Willy Wonka!

This term in RE our unit will be 'What do Christians believe God is like?' This unit explores what a parable is and the meanings behind them. The children will learn the parable of The Lost Son and recognise a link with the concept of God as a forgiving Father. We will also learn the different ways in which Christians show their belief in God as loving and forgiving.

In the 'Questioning' unit in Computing, children will learn about the importance of phrasing questions and that certain data-handling resources are limited in the answers they can provide.

Our PSHE unit this term is called 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be focusing on showing a positive attitude and how to stay motivated and show perseverance when we find something challenging.

Our learning in Music will focus on a rock song 'I Wanna Play in a Band'. Children will listen to and appraise a range of music within the 'rock' genre, while also developing their musical knowledge and skills by learning to sing and perform the song.

This term in PE, we will be welcoming Libby, our dance specialist back into school, who will be working with the children to develop a dance, based on our topic *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. I'm sure that the children will love learning this dance, which has been performed in the theatre production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Libby herself!

Useful Information

PE

Our regular PE day will now be changing to **Wednesdays**. Please can you make sure that your children come to school every Wednesday, wearing the correct PE uniform. This should include a burgundy t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and daps or trainers. The children may also wear a school PE hoodie. All items can be purchased from Goodies. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Homework

This term I will be sending out homework on a Wednesday, with the aim for children to hand in their completed homework on a Tuesday.

The homework includes an activity for children to practice their KIRFs and a spelling activity along with spellings for children to practice. We will be having a spelling test every Wednesday, using these spelling words.

Please also continue to listen to your child read at home as much as possible. There is no more important activity for preparing your child to succeed as a reader than reading aloud together.

Dates for this term

17th January - Clubs begin

14th February - Book Week

16th February - Bedtime Stories

18th February - End of Term 3



...and finally

Thank you for your support last term with regards to the Nativity, including providing costumes and showing understanding for the changes that were made, as well as the approach towards remote learning that was provided in the last week. Your support and positive comments were really appreciated during a difficult end to the term. I do hope that this term will be much more calm and we can enjoy what should be an exciting term!

If you would like more information about what we will be covering this term and key vocabulary linked to our topics, please look at the Class 2/Term 3 page on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 2 Team