



Dear children and parents/carers,
As you are by now well aware, our topic for Term Four is Chocolate.

Chocolate

English-

This term Year 4 will be studying the story 'The Story Collector, The Lion and The Unicorn and Other Hairy Tales' by Jane Ray. Students will be encouraged to engage with stories with which they will empathise. They will also explore themes and issues, and develop and sustain ideas through discussion. Students will also be developing creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and artwork. They will be learning how to write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters. Through discussion and debate, students will develop their responses by exploring interpretations of themes, plots and characters' actions and motivations

Maths-

Year 4 will be investigating number problems. Students will be exploring how to use arithmetic to solve problems. Students will then be looking at reasoning with fractions. They will be learning how to do calculations using fractions.

Science-

Within the topic, Chocolate we will be looking at the ingredients in chocolate; if chocolate causes tooth decay; why chocolate wrappers are made from special materials and what the melting point of chocolate is

Spelling and Grammar

In spelling this term we will be studying words with the suffixes- ion and -ian. Students will look for clues about whether to put t, s, ss or c before these suffixes. In grammar we will be looking at developing our confidence in using various sentence structures. For punctuation, we'll be looking in particular at using commas and directed speech.

Snappy Maths-

Each day we will be practising our 9 and 10 times tables.

History

We'll research and explore stories about the main events, dates and characteristics of the Societies involved in the history of chocolate. We will explore the lives of people in those periods including to sixteenth century exploration

Geography

We will be learning how particular localities have been affected by cacao production. We will also be finding out how cacao growing in some localities affects the lives of people



ART/ TECHNOLOGY

In Technology, we'll be finding out How to make our own chocolate and what we can add to chocolate.

In Art we'll be learning how to design a chocolate bar.

Music

We will be practising our new assembly songs.

Children will also appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians

PE

This term, students will be learning how to perform dances using a range of movement patterns.

They will also take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team

Computing

This term Year 4 will learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly and identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

RE

We will be looking at the significance ways rules are useful to individuals and groups.

We will also be looking at ways that various traditions have used rules to define good behavior.



Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4! Our topic is 'Chocolate.'

The topic is an exciting and very sweet one that the students will definitely love. They will be developing a broad range of skills and abilities, including: independent research; gathering information; exploring ideas and creative thinking. Our focus for this term's work will be on the creation of chocolate, how they are produced and packaged and their impact on society. All of the work we are going to do has been specially written to help your child reach the learning goals. Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you. Have a look in your kitchen cupboards with your child for products containing cocoa or chocolate. Make a game of spotting chocolate advertising on billboards, in magazines and on television.

Homework:

As well as our usual Brainbuilder homework, the children will be receiving other homework to complete. Children must continue to read daily and practise their times tables.

CLIC test- This will be sent out on a Monday and children will be tested on the Friday. The CLIC tests help support problem solving and calculation within Maths.

Spellings- Your child will receive eleven spellings to learn and they will be tested on these the following Monday.

Items to bring to school:

- Water bottle named.
- School bag.
- PE kit-named- please ensure outdoor PE shoes and sweat tops for colder weather. No earrings to be worn and hair to be tied up. These should stay in school and go home at the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Woods