

Welcome Back

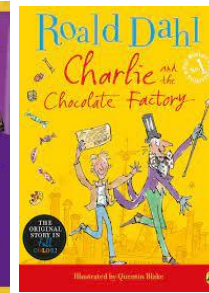
We hope you and your families are all well and you have all had a wonderful Winter Break. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead in Elm class. As always, if you have any questions or queries please do catch us on the door at the start or end of each day.

Our topic for this term will be 'Chocolate'.

This will link with many areas of the curriculum and will be part of our literacy learning, as well as other subject areas, like: ICT, Art, science Music and History.

Forest school will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their kit to change into. Please bring waterproofs and wellingtons to change into, in a bag.



PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

This term we will be working on gymnastics (in the hall), as well as team games (Outside, weather permitting).

Homework

Will be set on a Friday afternoon, and this will consist of Spellings and Times Table practise ready for testing on the following Friday morning.



Reading

During this term the children will be focus on whole class text called 'The Great Chocoplot' written by Chris Callaghan and then move on to reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' written by Roald Dahl. These are wonderful stories full of great characters, adventure and mystery. The children will participate in whole class reading activities about this text and will be using a ranger of reading skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation and Sequence/Summary.

As well as this, the children will continue to read their home/schoolbooks and will be required to continue to record their efforts in their school planner, aiming to read a minimum of three times a week. In school the children are being encouraged to become more independent with their planners and are writing in those opportunities that they have read independently.

All children should wear their uniform into school and to bring in the correct PE kit on both days to change in to.

What we are covering in each subject

Literacy- We will be looking at a range of fiction/non-fiction texts, which will support our learning of chocolate, as well as developing our own short stories and a range information/explanation texts.

Science- States of matter, we will be exploring and investigating what happens to objects when we change an element, like heat or light

Music- This term we will be looking at music developed in South America and trying to create and develop songs/sounds, typical of this region.

Art- We will be exploring the topic 'Every Picture Tells a Story', whereby the children will be finding out about a range of artists and their work.

PSHE- We will be looking at the topic 'Aiming High'; all about encouraging children to set goals for themselves and acknowledge their own personal skills.

MFL- This term we will learn the vocabulary to create our own French chocolate shop/patisserie

Computing - we are going to begin to look at coding with the children and using Purple Mash to support our learning.

R.E.- We will be exploring a unit around the key question 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'

Maths- We will revisit and build on our understanding of using the four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide). We will then develop our understanding of fractions before learning about statistics and geometry.

