

# The Chocolate Factory

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunshine over the Easter break. As always, the start of a new term brings with it the start of a new topic; this term in Year 3 & 4, it is 'Chocolate'! This topic will take us back in time to look at the Mayans and the Aztecs, as well as taking us on an adventure through Roald Dahl's 'world of pure imagination' as we explore Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Investigating the 'bean to bar' process and Fairtrade will also take us on a more geographical/culinary journey and, somewhere along the way, there is sure to be some taste-testing! The children have been asking about this topic for the last few weeks so I am sure they are incredibly excited!

Attached is your child's homework pack which explains the homework expectations this term, alongside an outline of the curriculum objectives we will be covering in class so that you are able to support their learning at home accordingly. Homework again follows the same pattern as the previous terms. This term, the project afternoon is, of course, chocolate-oriented. Last term's projects were fantastic and the children spoke about them so enthusiastically; I look forward to seeing their creations this coming term on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will also be venturing out on two trips: Cadbury World (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May) as well as the Roald Dahl museum later on in the term. Details to follow shortly.

This term brings with it the May Day Gala and school show, as well as the hockey, tennis and cross-country competitions and, of course, our sports day. This term, Year 3 & 4 will be returning to split PE lessons (i.e. with their own year group) on a Tuesday morning with Mrs Jenkinson and a Thursday morning with John (for tennis coaching). As always, last minute changes may occur, so indoor and outdoor kit (including shin pads) should be kept in school at all times please.

Notably, please ensure that children have a **named water bottle in the classroom everyday** (in addition to one in their lunch box). Many children did not have one last term. Our classroom is warm and we will be spending more time outside and at the glebe as the weather becomes warmer so drinks are essential.

As always, feel free to come and take a look at the classroom with your child if you wish and, if you need a chat about anything, then I will be on the door on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and will be available after school.

All the best for the term ahead!

Kind regards,

Abbie Brown

