

## Class 2's Newsletter Spring 2017

Dear Parent/ Carers

I hope that you have all had a refreshing break as the children have a very exciting term ahead.

### Topics

Our new, exciting topic in Class 2 this term will be 'Chocolate Explorers'. The children started the topic with a fantastic visit from Mr Henry who provided both information and artefacts from cocoa producing countries. The children will discover how cocoa beans are harvested and how chocolate is produced.

Next the children will explore the Aztecs and produce both Aztec masks and totem poles. After our class trip, the children will then look at the current packaging and marketing of chocolate. This will then lead to a fantastic opportunity to design and create a chocolate box and even create the chocolate to go inside. Hopefully these chocolates will make it home!

In Literacy this week, the children will be creating riddles about animals that live in the main cocoa producing countries. In later weeks, the children will be learning how to write a recount about our exciting trip to Cadburys World; how to write a set of instructions based upon Aztec art the children will be creating; and how to use drama techniques for a unit based around the book of 'Jamela's Dress'.

In our Numeracy lessons the children will continue to strengthen their understanding of the four operations, practise finding fractions of a number, continuing learning to tell the time and practising recalling the features of both 2D and 3D shapes.

During Science this term the children will continue to learn about different habitats around the world, focusing in part on the creatures that reside in cocoa producing countries.

In our R.E lessons this term the children will continue to learn about the Torah and its impacts on the lives of Jewish people.

This term an increased number of P.E lessons will be taking place on the green and on the playground so an outdoor named P.E kit will be needed.

### Outdoor Clothing

As the weather continues to improve, Class 2 will regularly visit the outdoor classroom. It is important that your child brings in a pair of wellingtons or boots that can be kept at school. We will also require a pair of indoor shoes that can be worn around the school. In addition to this your child will also require a warm coat and gloves, ideally named, that can be worn during break times and visits to the outdoor classroom.

Due to time restraints we would be grateful if your child could be brought in with footwear and clothing that they can put on and remove unaided.

### Homework

I am really pleased with the effort that the children are putting into learning both their spellings and their individual snappy maths time tables. It is fantastic to see that this knowledge can then be applied during Literacy and Numeracy lessons. I would therefore like to take this time to thank you for your encouragement and support in this matter.

Once again, if you have any issues or concerns regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me. This can be done by either coming in to see me, or by sending a note with your child.

Kind regards

Mrs Newton