

# Year 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - 2023

## Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Sweet Treats'. Children will dive into the world of Chocolate and explore its origins and the process of how chocolate is made from coco-beans, they will discover the journey it makes to get to our homes. We will explore chocolate delicacies in specific countries and how it is adored around the world.

As a DT focus, children will look at Food Technology and create their own - Healthy snacks and recipes. Children will develop their knowledge further of the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.

## Reading and Homework

Children will have continue to have plentiful reading opportunities during English, Guided Reading and Reading Plus sessions. For home-readers, Year 3 pupils will continue to choose their own books, from the relevant Accelerated Reading level and change them when required. We would ask that you to support school at home, reading at least 3-4 times a week with your child and ensuring they complete their weekly homework. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and due the following Wednesday. This will be complemented by the weekly spellings that children will be tested on.



## R.E.

This term your child will continue to explore the faith of Christianity and will begin to unfold the parables of Jesus; identifying the lesson given, moral truth and how they help Christians live their lives. Some parables we may explore are:

- Parable of the Sower. ...
- Parable of the Lost Sheep. ...
- Parable of the Hidden Treasure. ...
- Parable of the Lost Coin. ...
- Parable of the Good Samaritan. ...
- Parable of the Bags of Gold. ...
- Parable of the Doorkeeper. ...
- Parable of the Forgiving King

## PSHE

This term our PSHE focus is: Relationships. Year 3 will explore the following themes: Family roles and responsibilities, Friendships and negotiations, keeping safe online, being a global citizen, being aware of my choices and how they affect others, developing awareness of how other children have different lives and expressing appreciation for family and friends.

## Enriched Curriculum

In Music we will be following Charanga scheme and look at the theme of 'Bringing us Together' which will be complimented by a whole school focus of learning regal songs for the coronation of King Charles.

In Art Children will look at the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo- and develop their own interpretation of his famous piece of art; Fruit Face. Children will explore using different vibrancies and tones of colour and different shapes for abstract art. In Computing children will set up a graph with a given number of fields, enter data for a graph, produce and share graphs.

## Maths

This half term will be focusing on the following concepts: Mass, Capacity and Money. We will explore measuring Mass in grams and kilograms, equivalent masses and comparisons. Likewise, we will explore measuring capacity and volume in millilitres and litres, equivalent capacities and comparisons. Children will then look at the concept of money; including pence and pounds, adding and subtracting money, converting pounds and pence and the process of finding change. We will also revisit fractions, developing the children's understanding of the numerator and denominator and utilise this knowledge to add and subtract fractions, partition the whole and work with both unit and non-unit fractions.

## English

As our topic this term is Sweet Treats, our focus text for this term will be 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl'. Children will look at persuasive writing and creating advertisements to entice the public to purchase chocolate made in Willy Wonka's factory. Children may then go onto writing an exciting, comprehensive setting description about the great chocolate room, using creative descriptive language.

## Science

This term children will continue to develop their understanding of the Human Body. So far children have explored the skeletal system; identifying bone names, structure and function in humans and identifying animal bone structure, making comparisons between animals that have endo- and exo-skeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. They have also explored joints at a basic level. This term, we will explore the concept of muscles, specifically the function and what they do. Children will become familiar with voluntary and involuntary muscles, smooth and cardiac muscle groups. Making links to exercise and stretching, children will consider and determine how exercise and stretching can change our muscles.

## P.E.

This term, Year 3 will have P.E. on a Tuesday. Your child needs to come to school in their P.E kit and wear suitable trainers on this day. As we enter the warmer and drier months, your child's lessons are more likely to be held outdoors. Please ensure suitable footwear. We also ask that you ensure your child has a suitable water bottle.

