

Welcome to Pandas class!

I hope you have had a fantastic summer break and are ready and excited to begin a new school year!

Our topic this half term is Scrumdiddlyumptious. We will be learning about the origins of chocolate from the cacao plant and about the Mayan civilisation where chocolate was very important. We will also be designing packaging for a new chocolate bar and reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!

This half term PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons; please make sure your child has the correct PE Kit in school. Swimming will begin on **Wednesday 12th September** for the first half of the Year 3 children! Please ensure that these children have swimming kit and a towel on Wednesdays. They will return to school for 3.30 pm.

Homework will be given out on Friday and will include a writing activity or a maths activity. Spellings will also be sent home for a spelling test the following Friday. Please read with your child, and encourage them to complete homework weekly. Rewards will be given in class to children who reach the targets, so please remember to make a note in the reading diary so that we know when they are ready to change their books, and can make sure they are rewarded.

Please see the topic planner overleaf for more information. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask myself, Miss Ince or any other staff, we will be happy to help.

Miss Wilkinson (Class Teacher)



Parent / Carer Information

Scrumdiddlyumptious

KS2

Pandas

Autumn 1 - 2018

English

This half-term we are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl in guided reading. We will begin to work on our inference and vocabulary understanding. In writing we will be using a variety of exciting books as inspiration to write in a variety of styles.

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Maths

This half-term we will be focussing on place value and the four main operations: additions, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use equipment, discussions and written methods to understand each in detail.

PHSCE and RE

In RE we be learning about Hinduism and some stories which are important to Hindus.

Geography

We will be using maps and atlases to locate areas in the world where cocoa is produced. We will be exploring the physical and human features of these areas and learning about the people that live there and their way of life.

History

We will be learning all about Maya civilisation, we will be finding out who the Mayans are and what they did. We will look at their ways of life then and compare to ours today. We will learn about Maya gods, the community and important people of the period.

Computing

We will begin our programming scheme of work, where we will learn how different keys on a keyboard can create instructions for the computer. These instructions will then help us to program a maze game.

PE

In PE we will build on what we learnt last year and develop our ball skills, practicing these in a number of ways. We will develop our team work skills alongside this by playing team ball games.

DT

We will be investigating various chocolate product packaging and from this, design our own packaging based on a brief set for us. We will also be making and evaluating our designs once completed.

Science

We will be investigating plants, including parts of a plant, the role of a flower in the life cycle of a plant and different pollinators. Practical activities will include dissecting a flower and working with seeds to deduce how they are dispersed.