



## During the

### Topic:

This term our topic is called, "Chocolate".

This will include a geography topic about South America. The children will learn about the different aspects of the continent, including countries and capital cities, population and climate and human and physical features.

In history they will learn about the Maya Civilization. They will discover facts about the Maya Civilization, consider religious similarities and differences, find out about their number system, discover what they grew and ate by using a variety of sources.

Literacy	Numeracy	RE
<p>Our literacy learning this term will focus on our class text, <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> and various non-fiction texts about chocolate. We will be consolidating and developing our decoding skills whilst teaching children to use different strategies to help them to comprehend a text letter.</p> <p>Children will have an extended writing session each week focussing on a particular genre, including descriptions, non-chronological reports, leaflets, adverts, newspapers, explanations, balanced arguments and story writing. The children are given the opportunity to improve their writing in subsequent lessons.</p> <p>In addition to the daily literacy lesson, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). We expect children to be using a cursive script at all times. The children will continue to develop their self editing skills.</p>	<p>Our numeracy this term will deepen and apply the children's current understanding of place value, calculations, fractions, time and measures.</p> <p>We will practise our mental methods and recall of times tables regularly and will also spend 5 minutes each day counting on and back in different jumps.</p> <p>Each week we will be dedicating a session to either time or fractions and we will also have a weekly problem solving session where children will be able to use and apply their learning in different contexts.</p> <p>We believe children learn best through practical hands-on experience and will be encouraging the children to use a variety of resources to support them in their learning.</p>	<p>We will begin this term by understanding what happened at Pentecost. We will begin to look at the importance of the Eucharist and prepare for the First Holy Communion. Following the celebration, we will look at the Universal Church and Judaism.</p> <p>The children will also participate in regular P4C discussions, weekly Mindfulness sessions and daily in collective worship at a school, key stage or class level and will attend a monthly Mass.</p>

### Science:

The focus of our science learning this half term will consolidate our knowledge and understanding of **Teeth** and the **States of Matter**. We will be looking in particular at;

#### Teeth

The children will identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions. They will learn about the cause of tooth decay and how to take care of their own teeth.

#### States of matter

The children will:

- compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases
- observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature

We will also be planning, conducting and evaluating investigations regularly to develop our scientific enquiry skills, our speaking and listening skills and our teamwork skills.

### P.S.H.E

This term we will be learning about our local environment and how we can protect and enhance it. We will consider local habitats and recycling. We will also make comparisons between habitats around the world. P4C sessions will address these issues too.

### French

We will continue to teach a weekly French lesson. This term we will focus on celebrations.

### Music

To support the delivery of the music curriculum we are lucky to have Mr Wilson from The Oldham Music Service teaching our music lessons this year. This term we will continue to read, write and compose using musical notations.

### Computing

This term in computing we will be improving our typing skills and we will be exploring various database programs. We will continue to develop our basic computer skills and will use ICT to support our learning in other subjects.

### P.E.

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon so please ensure your child's PE kit is in school on that day. This term we will be playing various competitive sports including athletics. All children are expected to have a suitable kit in line with uniform regulations.

### Homework & Reading Books

This term we would like the children to complete a weekly reading comprehension activity. It is important that the children are continuing to read regularly at home and practise their basic maths skills such as times tables and telling the time. We will occasionally send additional numeracy tasks home. We have subscriptions to the following websites which the children really enjoy using at school:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stridanot2>  
[www.oddizzi.com](http://www.oddizzi.com)

Reading books will be sent home every Friday. Please ensure they are returned to school by the following Wednesday in order for them to be changed.

### Other Information

As we are a healthy school we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Children should bring a water bottle.

Again, being a healthy school, we are not allowed to give out sweets or chocolates on children's birthdays. We suggest donating a book to the class library as an alternative.

Children are not allowed to bring toys into school unless it is a specified occasion.

As stated in the school policy, children are not allowed to wear any form of jewellery, this includes small earrings.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON ALL PIECES OF CLOTHING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

### Year 3 staff:

Miss Baldwin  
 Mrs Prince  
 Mrs Clegg

Mrs Wellings  
 Miss Beeny  
 Mrs Garratt

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment or catch us before or after school at your child's door.

