Year Two – Learning Letter Term 4

A general note:

A big thank you for all your support in Term 3 and we hope you all had a lovely break.
This term we have lots of exciting things planned and will be learning all about Cocoa. We will explore where chocolate comes from and how this links to Fairtrade.
We would like to welcome more volunteers in for reading. Please speak to the office if you are able to spare some time in the week. If you haven't yet done volunteer training there is another session in March so please do sign up. We will also be asking for volunteers for the walk to Waitrose and for our chocolate bar making morning as part of DT learning this term so please look out for more information and let the class teachers know if you can help.

Class Teachers: Mrs Harris (Mon- Wed Foxes) and Mrs Neal (Thur- Fri Foxes), Miss Rickard (Rabbits)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Berry (Foxes), Mrs Buckingham (Rabbits) and Mrs Smith (Both)
PPA cover: Ms Vanderstappen and Mrs Berry

English:

Our core texts are 'The Marvellous Fluffy Squishy Itty Bitty' and a range of non-fiction texts about chocolate. These will form the basis of teaching the year two key skills in writing and applying the knowledge and skills they have learnt so far to write a story.

Reading – This term's text is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will enjoy reading a chapter a day from this classic book and completing tasks based on the text. As always, it is crucial that all the children are reading as much as possible.

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Maths:

We will continue to use a practical approach to teaching maths continuing our understanding of multiplication and division, using counters to show arrays.

We will also be learning how to use measurement to solve problems, including mass, capacity and temperature.
We will apply our existing knowledge across the learning to embed those mathematical concepts.

Science:

We will be learning how to use classification skills and how to keep healthy as humans.
We will be learning more about animals, including the lifecycles of animals.
We will also complete simple tests to understand how we find the answers to scientific questions.

PE:

This term's PE will be hockey with the children learning a range of skills from how to correctly hold the stick, to ball control, playing as a team, basic tactics and shooting with increased accuracy.

Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):

18th March -Visit to Waitrose to look for signs of Fairtrade. Volunteers are needed for this please.

Buddy Event- Date tbc

Geography:

Building on our work on chocolate and Fairtrade we will be investigating places that produce chocolate around the world. We will be looking at and comparing those environments to the UK and the lifestyles of people who work in this industry.

DT:

We will survey and test favourite chocolates, and then design and make our own chocolates and packaging before evaluating our creations.

RE:

We will be learning about why Easter is an important festival for Christians.

Computing:

Children will be creating their own surveys, collecting data and then presenting their work using the 2 simple software to create graphs and charts. As always, we will continue to discuss digital safety with all the children as well as age-appropriate games etc.

Home Learning:

Please listen to your child read as often as you can at home. We expect the children to read at least four times in a week and for this to be recorded in their reading record.

Communication:

Staff are on the door to take daily messages. If you have any concerns or questions please come and have a chat or email us to arrange an appointment for a longer time.
Thursday is our staff training day, but you could catch us after school on the other days.
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