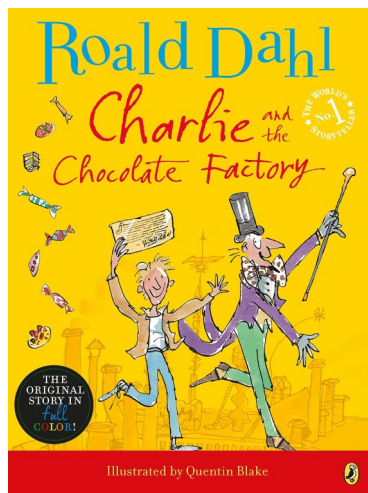


Curriculum Newsletter

Year 4

Autumn 1

Chocolate



Welcome to year 4! Our topic this term is Chocolate/Ancient Maya. As part of this topic we will be reading the book “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” by Roald Dahl . The children will find out about the origins , sources and production of chocolate. The topic will commence with the children being challenged to use all of their 5 senses to describe 3 varieties of chocolate, mixing and tasting a chocolate drink similar to how the Mayans may have drunk (not the sweet, hot chocolate we may be familiar with today in London)! (Being mindful of allergies).

The Goldilocks words are the key vocabulary the children will learn, understand and be able to use by the end of the topic. They are called Goldilocks words as they are not too easy, not too hard, but just right! **civilisation Mesoamerica sacrifice ritual codices maize blood-letting upperworld texture cocoa farmer producers fair-trade savoury producers packaging corporations**

This term's right is Article 12 - respect for the views of the child. We have worked together to create our class charter and will have weekly circle time sessions for the children to raise issues and develop solutions. We also have a worry box, in which children can leave concerns they are not comfortable raising publicly.

Key messages

Children should come dressed in PE kit on PE days. PE kit is a white top with black shorts or jogging bottoms.

4DO PE– Monday and Tuesday

4KS PE– Tuesday (Swimming lesson) and Friday

Homework will be Bug Club, Times Table Rockstars and CPG maths targeted question sheets.

Ideas for home learning

Research different uses of chocolate beyond sweets.

Find and read other stories or poems about chocolate.

Visit the British Museum to see some Ancient Mayan artefacts.

Keep your eyes peeled for information about the children's learning, we will be sharing the children's learning throughout the term via Google Classroom and Parenthub.

In Maths we will be:

- Recognising the place value of each digit in a four-digit number.
- Counting up and using number to subtract two digit numbers from 100
- Choose counting on or back to subtract two digit numbers from numbers > 100
- Adding two 3—digit numbers using compact written methods
- Doubling and halving two— three digit numbers
- Learning and practising our 9 times tables
- Multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers using an appropriate method

In Topic we will be:

- Learning about where chocolate comes from and how it is made.
- Using maps to locate and compare position and geographical features
- Learning about the Mayan Civilisation, beliefs, rituals and education.

In RE we will be:

- Understanding the importance of Abraham
- Learning about the synagogue
- Learning about the Jewish beliefs and festivals
- Reading the Torah

In Computing we will be:

- Developing and consolidating our Google classroom skills
- Reminding ourselves about how to stay safe online (E-Safety training).

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Y4DO and Y4KS

In English we will be:

- Reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl
- Learning about the use of adjectives, adverbs and similes.
- Learning to understand a characters thoughts and feelings in a story through drama
- Writing in a range of different styles including; diary entries, letters, TV News reports and narratives.

In Science we will be:

- Learning about the different properties of solids liquids and gases.
- Exploring how matter changes from one state to another
- Understanding how to carry out a scientific investigation .

In Music, with the Lambeth Music Service we will be:

- Focusing on musicianship while exploring melodies through rhythms.

In PE we will be:

- Learning the basic skills of Hockey passing, moving, dodging and travelling
- Focusing on sportsmanship and skills