



Year 3 Owls Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

This half term, our learning will be about Fairtrade chocolate!



Dates to Note for Spring 2

Week 2nd March DT week

Thursday 5th March World Book Day dress up and read together

Tuesday 10th March Parent's Evening, 3.30-5.30pm

Week 9th March Science Week

Thursday 12th March Parent's Evening, 4-6pm

Friday 13th March 11.15 Assembly science sharing songs

Friday 13th March Year 3 Assembly, 3.10pm

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's Day - wear green

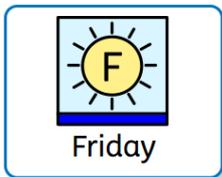
Friday 19th March Red Nose Day, wear red and donate £1

Friday 27th March Parents in Class share pop up books 1.30pm

Friday 27th March 2pm finish for Nursery to Year 6

2-4pm FRoG's - Easter Egg Hunt

PE Kits



Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on Fridays.

Reading

Writing

This half term we will be reading 'Charlie and the chocolate factory' by Roald Dahl as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of laughter and imaginative ideas that links to our topic of chocolate!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Chocolate and based around the text 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'. Using this text, the children will write a play script using stage directions and descriptive language. The children will also learn how to use the punctuation point, a colon, effectively.

They will also write a persuasive letter to the local shops, convincing them to sell fairtrade chocolate. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding rhetorical questions to provoke thinking and writing in the third person with a focus on doubly -ly sentences. An example of these sentences is:

Augustus Gloop stared at the delicious chocolate river longingly and desperately.

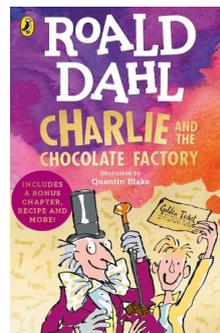
Augustus: Wow look at this delicious, melting chocolate!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zqghtyc>

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.



Maths

In maths this half term we will be covering:

Volume - comparing and measuring volume in millilitres and litres and comparing greater and less than capacities. We will then solve word problems around volume and capacity.

Money - recognising different denominations (both notes and coins) and the simple addition and subtraction of money. It further develops the concepts related to addition

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Light.' We will explore different light sources, both natural and unnatural. We will learn how light works and how we need it in everyday life. We will plan, investigate and record a shadow experiment, monitoring how types of light sources and distance alter the size and shape of the shadow.

We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

and subtraction of money using number bonds as a key method.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmnqfdm>



What is light?

Learn about light and where it comes from with this guide.

History and Geography

Campaign

In Geography, we will be learning about chocolate. We will investigate how and where chocolate comes from and how it is made. We will focus on what Fairtrade means and the impact it has on countries around the world. The children will be thinking about how we can encourage buying fairtrade chocolate, which will link to our writing cycle. They will also look at the evolution of chocolate from its origins in the Mayan civilisation compared to now.

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Giving.' We will be learning about the Fairtrade and how Fairtrade helps those in developing countries and how we can best support that. We will consider how we can encourage others to buy Fairtrade.



ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Data and information.' We will develop our understanding of computer databases and how information is stored. We will learn how to spot patterns in databases and make our own database using specific information.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Healthy Me.' During this topic, the children will think about how to keep their bodies healthy through diet, exercise and lifestyle choices. In addition, they will learn about how to keep themselves emotionally and mentally healthy by discussing issues such as challenges and dangerous situations.

RE

This half term in RE, our focus will be on Christianity. Our key question to explore is 'What is 'good' about Good Friday?'

PE

This half term in PE, children will be developing their skills in football and gymnastics. In football, they will work on dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork, as well as understanding game tactics and positioning. In gymnastics, they will focus on balance, coordination, flexibility, and sequencing movements to create routines.
Class PE Day: Friday
Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on Friday

Music	The children will be exploring different musical instruments, focusing on learning to play the recorder this half term.
Art	This half term in DT, the children will link their lessons to their chocolate topic by designing and making chocolate boxes.
DT	In DT this term we are focusing on moving mechanisms by making a pop up book all about our topic this term. Our pop up books will include a 3D pop up element and a lever mechanism.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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