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## **Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 Half Term 2019 For Year 3**

### **Year Group Team:**

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### **Our core text this half term is...**

**'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.'**

### **What we will be learning this half term...**

#### **Religious Education (Come and See)**

**Domestic Church- Family- Homes:** We will be exploring what the word 'family' means to us, revealing how God is the loving parent of the human family and thinking about how we can express our own love.

**Judaism:** We will be finding symbols that would help us to recognise a synagogue and explaining the meaning of special items using pictures and videos.

**Promises- Baptism/ Confirmation- Belonging:** We will look at how our lives are marked by many different experiences of being welcomed, how the Gospel recounts God's invitation to people to share in His life and how we can follow the call of Jesus' personal invitation.

#### **English (Reading, Writing & Speaking and Listening)**

**Dialogue and Plays:** We will be using a playscripted version of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to look at the features of this genre, perform sections with expression and then write our own short playscripts.

**Instructions:** Linking our text with how chocolate is made, we will explore the skills needed to produce a useful set of instructions. There will be a focus on the correct use of grammar and punctuation, e.g. commas in a list.

**Adventure Stories:** Inspired by Charlie's own adventure, the children will plan, draft and produce final versions of their own adventure stories. This will be an opportunity for them to use adjectives to expand their noun phrases, use conjunctions to link ideas and paragraphs to organise their work into sections.

**Guided Reading:** The children will take part in weekly sessions, where vocabulary will be explored and inference skills developed.

#### **Mathematics**

During this half term, we will be working with numbers up to 1000, focusing on the place value of each digit. The children will learn how to compose and decompose numbers, compare, order and look for patterns. They will then progress to looking at addition and subtraction (where renaming is required). They will apply these skills to problem solving questions and bar models. A separate focus on weekly Arithmetic will be maintained- children should become fluent with number facts and confident in mental calculations, e.g. adding three digit numbers and hundreds together.

#### **Science**

Our focus for this half term is 'Animals Including Humans.' We will begin by studying nutrition: learning about the five food groups, what their functions are and how we can make sure that we are eating a balanced diet. We will then design and carry out an experiment to observe the decaying effects of different liquids on a surface and draw conclusions from our findings. Finally, we will identify that some animals (including humans) have skeletons for support, protection and movement.

#### **Computing**

We will be using Digi-Maps to digitally plot the route taken by cocoa beans in the journey to becoming chocolate bars. We will use presentation features e.g. through Microsoft Word to produce printed pieces of work becoming familiar with how to use the necessary keyboard features. We will also practise our programming skills through apps such as Alex the Robot.

#### **Humanities**

In Geography, we will be using atlases and locating countries that produce cocoa beans, with a particular focus on those in South America. We will explore the physical and human geographical features that allow these



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places to produce cocoa and compare them with those of the UK. We will then track the production route through Europe resulting with the landing of chocolate in our local shops.

In DT, the children will experiment with different ingredients and apply the knowledge that they have gained in Science lessons in order to design, produce and evaluate their own healthy alternatives to the chocolate treats that they have met in our class text.

### Arts

As part of Key Stage 2, your child will now take part in a weekly Music lesson with Mr Curtis. They will learn to play and perform with their brass instrument and use their voice with control and expression through singing. In French, we will be learning numbers 0-12, greetings, family member names and how to introduce ourselves.

### Physical Education

We will be using inspiration from the film 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to create and perform Oompa-Loompa style dance routines. This will involve working collaboratively to produce sequenced dance moves.

### **How you can support learning at home...**

Please read with your child as often as possible. Try to ask comprehension questions as you read, in order to check that your child is understanding the words that they are decoding. We will provide your child with two books- one from our Accelerated Reader library (which will be kept in school) and another from the reading scheme. As far as possible, this book will be changed on Mondays.

Please practise the following times tables with your child: 3s, 4s and 8s (as well as revising those learnt in Year 2- 2s, 5s and 10s).

### Homework

Year 3 children will receive homework twice weekly. On Tuesdays, this will have a Mathematics focus and will be due in the following Thursday. On Fridays, we will send home work with an English focus. We will review the homework together in class and address any misconceptions that arise.

### **Important things to remember...**

PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays- please send your child into school wearing their PE kit/ school tracksuit.

Brass instruments are needed for our Music lesson on Wednesdays for 3SY and on Fridays for 3FY. These will go home with the children each week.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September- Welcome Meeting (3:15pm)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Parents' Evening (times to be confirmed)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October- End of half term (3:15pm)