



Autumn Term 2018

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Topic: Food, Glorious Food

We will be discovering how chocolate came into our lives from the humble cocoa bean. Travelling the world will help us to discover the origins of our everyday foods. But the journey doesn't stop there as we shall be finding out what happens to the food once it has entered our bodies.



PE: In the first half of the term we will have a coach who will help us further develop our Rugby and Multi-skills. During the second half term we will be learning new dance skills in preparation for our Christmas performance.

Reminders: Full indoor and outdoor school sports kit will be needed every Thursday. Swimming kit will be required each Wednesday, beginning 12th September.



Art and Design:

Drawing a new self-portrait for the school hall will show how our Art skills have progressed since last year. We shall use printing to make wrapping paper for our harvest gifts. Sketching fruit and vegetables will develop our observational drawing

Weekly Events:

Spellings: Every Thursday there will be a spelling test, beginning Thursday 13th September. Spellings will be given out at the beginning of term.

Reading Challenge: Children are asked to read at home at least 4 times a week to achieve the weekly reading challenge. For us to be sure that they have achieved the challenge, we ask that parents record their child's reading with any comments in the reading diary.

Times Tables: The children will have speed tests on their times tables on most days but extra practice at home will ensure the facts are embedded. By the end of Year 2, the children need to be able to recall the 2, 5 and 10x tables facts, quickly.

Homework: Each Thursday your child will receive a homework task to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. If he/she struggles with the work given or finds it not challenging enough, please let me know.

**NB Please be aware that there will be occasions when school events affect this timetable eg trips; special school services; Federation Days and similar.*

History: We shall be finding out about the history behind the humble cocoa bean and how important it is to us today. Celebrating the centenary of the end of World War 1 will also be a historical focus for us.

PHSE: We will look at our new beginnings in our new year group. We will also discuss how we can manage our feelings and how we all keep ourselves safe and happy.

Computing: We will be finding out about the consumption of chocolate through the use of a simple graphing package. We will practise our mathematical skills through RMEasimaths and we will learn how to use the internet safely.

RE: We will learn about the Creation Story and the importance of the Bible for Christians. The 'Incarnation of Christ' ie Christmas will be our exciting focus for the second half term.



Science: Where does our food go once it has entered our bodies? How do we digest our food and what role do our teeth have in this process? How do we look after our teeth?

Geography: Where does our food come from and how is land used to produce our food? Do we make the most of the food we eat or do we waste some of it? We shall travel the globe to examine where and how different food is grown/produced.

