



Autumn Term 2018

Year 4 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 Rugby 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. Please ask your child questions about their reading to check their understanding.

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 4, the children need to be able to recall all the times tables facts from 2 to 12 x 12 quickly.

Homework: Each Thursday your child will receive homework tasks 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 rules and responsibilities and how they can vary in different situations.

RE: We will be looking at the links between Genesis and what Christians believe about God, Creation & how we should act. We shall also try to understand Baptism & the Trinity and what it means to Christians.



Computing: We will look at spreadsheets and use them to create a variety of graphs showing information about chocolate consumption. We will practise our mathematical skills through RMEasimaths and we will continue to learn how to use the internet safely.

Science: Electricity – what makes an insulator & conductor of electricity? How do you make a simple electrical circuit? How does our body digest food? Why and how should we take care of our teeth?

Geography: Where does our food come from and how is land used to produce our food? Do we use all 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.

