



KS1 Spring 2 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Chocolicious!



Our topic

Our topic for Spring 2 is the fantastic novel of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' written by the fantastic Roald Dahl. As part of this topic we will be looking at character descriptions and comparisons between them, vocabulary, adjectives and settings. We will also be looking at story structures to help guide and create our own re-tell of the novel. Alongside this, we will also be looking at how chocolate was made and attempting to make our own too! In our Foundation subjects we will be covering:

Spring 2 Coverage

Science	This half term we will be participating within national Science week. The theme for Science week this year is time and we have a range of exciting activities planned! Following this we will also be learning all about plants, life cycle of a plant and animal habitats. We will also continue to look at and observe seasonal change.
History	This half term, we will be learning all about the history of chocolate and how it was created. We will be studying the Aztec's and how they first introduced chocolate as a hot drink using coco beans and spices. We will then be looking how Captain Cortez discovering the cocoa bean from the Aztecs and how he then took it from North & South America to Europe, followed by the creation of the first chocolate bar by Fry & Sons and then how Cadbury's became the leading chocolate company.
Design and Technology	In DT, we will be designing and making our very own chocolate bars! We will be testing milk, dark and white chocolate to find out what our preference is before choosing ingredients for our own bar. We will also be designing some packaging to persuade customers to buy our delicious treats.
Computing	This half term, we will be learning about data and information, specifically pictograms. We will be learning about what data is and how it can be collected and presented using IT. We will progress onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams.
RE	In RE, we will be learning all about churches and synagogues to stretch our learning about the religions of Christianity and Judaism. We will be looking at the differences between these places of worship and learning about why they are important to Christians and Jews. We will also be recapping our understanding of why Easter is celebrated in the run up to the Easter weekend.
PE	In PE we will be focusing on ball skills and learning about the game of basketball. We will be learning how to throw underarm and overarm. Catch and bounce a ball. Practise accurate throwing and consistent catching. We will look at how to travel with a ball in different ways. Travel with a ball in different directions (side to side, forwards and backwards) with control and fluency and passing the ball to another player in a game.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be learning about our physical health and wellbeing to ensure we know how to stay fit and healthy. We will be looking at why exercise is important for our bodies and how we can support our own wellbeing.
Music	We will be continuing with our learning about 'Musical Moods and Pictures' using the Sparkyard scheme this half term. We will be building up our skills to create our own 'soundscape'.

Reading

This half term we will be looking at fiction texts and narratives to help us learn about our fascinating new topic. We will be looking at story settings, character descriptions and profiles, as well as discussing extensive use of vocabulary to support our understanding of comprehension. We will also be using snippets from the film 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' to help us understand the text in greater depth.

We are continuing with our whole class reading rewards each half term for children who read at least 3 times per week. We will be sending reading books and home-school diaries home daily in your child's book bag to encourage regular reading at home. Your child will have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly in class but please note that it is their responsibility to do so if they have finished with a book.

Don't forget that we now offer our library service on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school down in the Infant building.

Times Tables Rockstars

Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables with a focus on their 2s, 5s and 10s. We will be setting plenty of challenges on TT Rockstars and might even go head to head against other year groups for the chance to win special prizes in school! Also, look out for our top rockstars on our school newsletter each week. Your child might be mentioned on there!

If you have any issues with your child's TT Rockstar login, please let your class teacher know as soon as possible.

Homework

Children will receive maths homework on a fortnightly basis on our new home learning platform **Doodle Learning**. Each piece of homework will directly link to the learning they have done in class and will be tailored to meet the needs of your child. Please encourage them to work on this independently at home with minimal support, if needed.

Optional Creative Homework

To add to your child's learning experiences, we would like them to create something at home linked to our new topic, 'Chocolicious'. This could be in the form of a written task, a piece of art work, a 3D model or an IT based creation such as a PowerPoint, Word document, video or even some baking.

In each class, there will be a prize for the most creative and impressive homework!

Below are a few ideas for inspiration:

- Make a fact file on the life of Road Dahl.
- Interesting fact cards around the history of chocolate.
- Design your own chocolate bar or chocolate wrapper.
- Do some baking using coco beans or chocolate.
- Have a cosy movie night and watch 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'
- Design your own 'Golden Ticket'.
- Design your own chocolate room different from the one in the film.
- This could also be done as a 3D model.
- Taste a range of milk, white and dark chocolate and write a review to compare them
- Do some research about the Aztec's and why are they down in the history book.

Remember, to have fun!

