



Our exciting year of learning will commence with a **Super Start**, where our yummy journey of discovery, inspired by Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', will begin. We will be chocolate detectives, discovering how chocolate came to be the tasty treat we eat today and travel back in time as Historians to discover what life was like for the Ancient Maya Civilisation. For our **Marvellous Middle**, we would like to invite parents into our classroom for a craft session. We will bring the topic to a close with our **Fabulous Finish** workshop led by a 'Master Chocolatier'! More details about these events will follow shortly.

An overview of our learning this half term:

As Writers and Readers...	Writing inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (descriptions, diaries, story writing, persuasive writing, instructions)
As Mathematicians...	Number - Place Value / Addition and Subtraction
As Scientists...	Amazing Bodies!
As Historians...	The history of chocolate / The Ancient Maya Civilisation
As Geographers...	Journey of a cocoa bean / Chocolate consumption in Europe
As Artists and Designers...	Designing a chocolate bar wrapper / Maya art
As Computer Scientists...	Word processing skills
As Sportsmen and Sportswomen...	Coordination – throwing and catching
As Linguists...	All about me (French)
As Musicians...	Rhythm
As Performers...	Freeze frames, movements and character emotions
RE	Inspirational leaders
PSHCE	Fair trade

(Please see the Autumn 1 Medium Term Plan for more detail)

Manners Curriculum – Excellent manners are extremely important. Each week we will focus on strengthening a different social skill. This will begin with how to say 'please' and 'thank you', using the sentence starters 'Please may I ...', 'Thank you very much for...' and use of 'could/would'.

Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 19th September – **CHANGE OF DATE** - Year 3 Student Photographs

Wednesday 10th October – Parent craft session (am) (letter to follow)

Friday 26th October – Chocolate Workshop (letter to follow) / End of term

How you can help at home:

- Remember to read regularly at home. It's important your child reads to you but you reading to them can be really beneficial too! Record this in their journals.
- We will keep you updated on what times table your child is working on. Please support them to strengthen their recall at home.
- Spellings will be sent home every Monday and tested every Friday. This will begin on Monday 17th September.
- This half term's homework task will be sent home in your child's Homework Log on Monday 10th September and is due in on Friday 19th October.

Remember to keep checking the website for regular updates.