

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Class Two

Autumn 2016



### Our Theme: Chocolate

#### **Our Key Values:**

Commitment to Achieve, Caring, Respect,

Co-operation, Happiness, Independence

Welcome to Class Two! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

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### **English**

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fictional stories set in imaginary worlds and poetry, studying plays and writing dialogue and exploring the features of newspapers, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

### **Mathematics**

In Mathematics, we are learning about the skills involved in calculating using the 4 operations. We will also work through activities in place value, data-handling and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be learnt on a weekly basis.

### **Science**

In Science, we are learning about animals, including humans, and states of matter. We will be exploring the properties of solids and liquids, as well as learning about the functions of teeth.

### **R.E**

In R.E, we are learning about who Jesus was, looking at evidence from the Bible. We will also be looking more in-depth at the Lord's Prayer as well as Bible stories.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet, how to write a program to create an animation and how to fix bugs in programs.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

### **P.E**

We will be focusing on Hockey with Miss Doherty on a Wednesday afternoon, and swimming will take place on a Thursday afternoon.

## International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is Chocolate.

Our Entry day activities involve tasting different sorts of chocolate and hot chocolate, and designing a chocolate machine.

Our Exit day activity is a Chocolate Factory museum, packed full of all the fantastic facts we have discovered this term. Best of all, there will be a chocolate shop open inside the museum!

### **As Geographers we will be finding out**

- where cacao trees are found and what factors affect their growth
- about other cash crops

### **As Historians we will be finding out**

- who first discovered chocolate
- who took the first chocolate to Europe
- about the importance of cocoa beans for trade

### **As Scientists we will be finding out**

- about the ingredients in chocolate
- if chocolate causes tooth decay
- why chocolate wrappers are made from special materials
- what the melting point of chocolate is

### **As Designers we will be finding out**

- how to make own versions of chocolate
- how to design a wrapper for our new chocolate

### **Important Information**

As per the school homework policy (which is available at [www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.nettleton.lincs.sch.uk)) homework will be set on Thursday and needs to be returned on Monday.

Our Swimming day is: Thursday

Our P.E day is: Wednesday

Spelling tests will take place every fortnight within your child's spelling group, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. Any help you can give your child to prepare for these would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to hear your child read any night, and complete their organiser. Looking at the spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the organiser would also be a great help. Thank you.

***I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, as always, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.***

***Thank you.***

***Rebecca Edwards (Class Teacher)***