

Homework

Please continue to support your child with homework tasks and sign their reading diary when tasks are completed. We ask that the title of the book they are reading and the pages they have read is written in the diary, this allows us at teachers to monitor what is being read, this is something that the children could do themselves and then pass to you to sign.

Homework tasks will be given out on a Friday and are due in on a Wednesday, so we can mark it and discuss any problems with the children.

In addition to specific homework tasks recorded in their diary, children should practise reading and tables on an on-going basis.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Skirving, Miss Hughes and Mr Kendrick



Year 3 & 4 Autumn Term 2018

Chocolate Delight The Aztecs and Mayans



We hope that our overview of this term's topic will provide you with ideas of how to help your child at home.

Our topic this term is **Chocolate, The Mayans and The Aztecs.**

In History we are studying, the history of chocolate, The Mayan and The Aztec civilisations. In Geography we will be looking at fair-trade, finding out what this means and looking at some fair trade products.

Our Design Technology work will be linked to designing our own chocolate products and producing the packaging for them.

Our Art work will focus on Aztec artefacts and patterns, sketching and using different media and techniques.

Our SEAL theme is 'New beginnings and Getting on and falling out', with a focus on anti-bullying. Children will continue to develop their knowledge of British Values, thinking about democracy, individual liberty and rules within society.

In Science year 3 and 4 will be looking at light and shadows and forces and magnets.

Our ICT lessons will have a focus on E-Safety, coding and e-mailing and we will also look at ways of producing art and graphics on the computers. The children will also have opportunities to research our topics using the computers.

Our R.E. topic is Rules for life and the teachings of Jesus. Children will look at variety of stories from the Bible.

In Music children will be learning to play the recorder and learning songs and music linked to our topic.

Year 4 children will go swimming in the Autumn term, a separate letter will be sent.

During P.E. lessons children will be learning the skills of gymnastics, netball, football and tag rugby.

Children will need their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor kit too (including a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms). They need pumps for indoors and trainers for outdoors.



In Literacy we will be reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and the Firework Maker's Daughter. As part of our lessons we will be looking at visual prompts and short videos to inspire the children. We will also be looking at non-narrative texts such as newspaper reports and non-chronological reports. We will also be looking at poetry during the term.

The children will continue to develop their SPaG skills throughout our lessons. Please help by:

- Encouraging your child to read from a wide range of materials, fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc both independently and to an adult, for at least 10 minutes each day;
- Reminding them to record their reading in their diary. Please sign their diary everyday.
- Discussing their reading to ensure understanding;
- Encouraging them to write for pleasure e.g. stories, diaries, letters, e-mails.



In addition to this, we will be launching 'Amblecote Reading Champions', please support your child with this fun and exciting challenge, More information will follow in September!

In Maths we will be covering all areas of the curriculum through the White Rose Maths Scheme. It is important that the children practise their tables at home. Please help your child by:

- Encouraging them to **practise their tables** and the corresponding **division facts**. Children are expected to know all their tables by the end of year 4. Using Timestable Rockstars is a fabulous way of them learning their tables.
- Taking opportunities to use and apply maths in everyday situations e.g. cooking, shopping and measuring.
- Playing cards and board games
- Helping them complete any homework
- Helping them learn to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks.

