

Dear Parents/Carers,

The second term in Key Stage 1 has come around quickly. It seems only a short time since the children were beginning the new school year! We are all looking forward to another hardworking and successful term where we will continue to make learning fun for your children and watch them develop and grow.

In **English** our main focus will be stories with significant authors, poetry and non-fiction explanations, descriptions and instructions. There will be an emphasis on Roald Dahl as an author with a particular focus on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Within the class the children will work individually, in pairs or in groups and one group per day will participate in a guided reading session with the teacher. This provides an opportunity to hear children read, discuss the texts and answer comprehension questions about the text. We will be continuing our **SPAG** (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and we cannot emphasise how important this is in the curriculum.

Maths will continue with number work and problem solving, along with shape, measuring and time. The children need to practise number bonds to 10 and 20, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, counting forwards and backwards in 10s from any number. We will be showing the children various methods to complete questions on the 4 number operations. Please continue to practise mental maths skills, such as times tables and number bonds, at home on a daily basis.

Our topic is based around the notion of '**Where in the world does chocolate come from?**' and is linked to the Roald Dahl story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' This will allow the children to explore the origins of chocolate, in particular from Ghana, and the process involved in making the finished product. We have booked a visit to York Chocolate Story for the children to learn more about the process of making chocolate. Within the visit, the children have the opportunity to make and decorate their own chocolate lolly and lickable wallpaper, as well as taking part in workshops and a tour. In **DT** we shall be looking at the design and packaging of chocolate. Our **Art** will include mark making, patterns and printing techniques. In **Music** we will be learning songs from the 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' musical and the Year 2 children have been invited to take part in 'Snappy Spring' which will give them a chance to perform with a live band. We are very excited about this opportunity.

In **Computing** we will be using iPads to continue and progress their coding skills. We will be using programmes such as Scratch Junior, A.L.E.X and Beebot. These are all downloadable apps.

This term during indoor **PE** we will be carrying out a variety of gymnastic, dance and floor work activities. For PE, the children need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school at all times as outdoor sessions vary depending on the weather. Please continue to clearly label your child's P.E kit to avoid any confusion or the loss of any kits.

- **Indoor kit** - blue shorts and white t-shirt.
- **Outdoor kit** - jogging bottoms, sweatshirt/warm top and trainers.

Our work in **RE** this term involves thinking about Leaders and Followers and then the Easter story. In **PSHCE** we are talking about 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be Me'. We will be discussing feelings and how to manage feelings and also about our skills and talents. This will include some circle time activities, where the children are encouraged to discuss their feelings and the importance of thinking about other people and how their actions can affect others.

We appreciate there are always so many things to remember so we thought that you might like a reminder as to when things are sent home and when things need to be returned to school. We will continue to keep you updated as and when other information needs to be passed on.

Reading Books - In school by Tuesday and Friday at the latest, or before if the book has been completed. New books will be sent home on a Tuesday and a Friday. **It is important to hear your child read out aloud as often as possible and please comment in your child's reading record noting how they have coped with the book.** Daily readers are to be returned every day please.

Homework Books - These are sent home on a Friday and need to be returned to school by the following Tuesday, so that the new homework can be set.

Abacus - Please encourage your child to use Abacus as their class teacher will set them tasks to assist their learning on a weekly basis.

Spelling Shed - We have introduced Spelling Shed for the Year 2s to consolidate the spelling rules they are required to know by the end of year 2.

Marvellous Me - We would like to thank you for your continued support, especially with the activities set on Marvellous Me. This is making a real difference to your child's love of learning and provides them with the opportunity to develop independence in their learning. If you require the code to access Marvellous Me on a new phone, please speak to your child's class teacher as we send important messages frequently.

Dates for this term:

Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 5 th February.
#spreadalittlekindnessday	Friday 8 th February.
Bright Futures Week	Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th February.
Parent Consultations	Monday 11 th and Wednesday 13 th February.
Half term Holiday	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February.
York Chocolate Story	Monday 11 th March (Year 2).
York Chocolate Story	Tuesday 12 th March (Year 1).
Snappy Spring	Wednesday 13 th March (AM).
Easter Holiday	Monday 8th April - Monday 22nd April Children return to school Tuesday 23rd April

The dates for the class assembly this term are as follows

Mr Robinson's class	Friday 15 th March at 9.45am
Miss Scott's class	Friday 22 nd March at 9.45am

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support with all areas of school life.

Mrs Brown Mr Robinson Miss Scott Mrs Lake Ms Lunn