

# Class 2

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 4



Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely break half-term break and the children enjoyed their first week back at school. This class newsletter contains lots of information about the next five weeks in Class 2 and our new topic entitled 'Chocolate Explorers'.

*Mrs. Newton*



## Term 4 Topic: *Chocolate Explorers*



Our new exciting topic in Class 2 is 'Chocolate Explorers'. The children started the topic by becoming chocolate testers. They used all five of their senses to describe how the chocolate looks, feels, smells, sounds and ultimately tastes! This session led to the creation of a 'wow' vocabulary mat that will be used to support the children's writing throughout the term.

The topic will now move on to discovering how cocoa beans are harvested and how chocolate is produced. Next, the children will explore the Aztecs and produce both Aztec masks.

As you will already be aware, Class 2 will be taking an exciting trip to *Cadbury World* to see the live production of chocolate. After our class trip, the children will then look at the packaging and marketing of chocolate. This will lead to a fantastic opportunity to design and create a chocolate box and even create the chocolate to go inside. Hopefully these chocolates will make it home!

Our chocolate topic will also run throughout our literacy lessons this term. The children will begin by studying the fantastic text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They will have the opportunity to create diary entries, character descriptions and even their own story in the style of the text. In later weeks, the children will be learning how to write a recount about our exciting trip to *Cadbury World*, before moving onto poetry work. During this unit, the children will experiment with writing descriptive 'What Am I?' poems and acrostic poems before looking closing at the work of Michael Rosen. The class will use the poem 'Chocolate Cake' to create their own performance poems which will be filmed using green-screen technology.

Our numeracy lessons will also be topic-based, where appropriate. The children started the term by investigating the class' favourite chocolate bar, interpreting and representing their results in a block graph. In later lessons, the class will continue to strengthen their understanding of the four operations, practise finding fractions of a number and investigate the features of both 2D and 3D shapes. The children will also have the opportunity to practise telling the time and combine coins to make a set amount in a variety of ways.

## Other subjects ...

Our science lessons this term will focus on plants. The children will be looking at the life cycle of plants and how plants adapt to their environment.

In our RE lessons this term the children will continue to learn about the Torah and its impact on the lives of Jewish people.

In music, the children will be covering the unit 'Friendship Song' and in ICT the class will be studying the unit 'We are Researchers'.

This term, an increased number of PE lessons will be taking place on The Green and on the playground so an outdoor, named PE kit is essential.

## Helping your child at home ...

I am really pleased with the effort that the children are putting into learning their individual spellings, their 'Snappy Maths', their times-tables and their online *My Maths* homework. It is fantastic to see this knowledge being applied by the children during lessons. Thank you for your support and encouragement!

It has also been lovely to see how many children are reading five times a week and moving up 'Billy the Bookworm'. Please remember to ask your children lots of questions about the texts they read to check that they have a thorough understanding of the material they are reading.

## Class 2 information ...

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day character dress-up day.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Before-school exhibition of World Book Week work.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – *Cadbury World* trip.

As the weather continues to improve, Class 2 will regularly visit the outdoor classroom. It is important that your child brings in a pair of wellingtons or boots that can be kept at school.

In addition to this, your child will require a warm coat and gloves, ideally named, that can be worn during these lessons and at break times.

As always, if you wish to become a parent helper then please come and see me. We are always grateful for any parent or carer who is willing to volunteer some of their time to listen to the children read or provide support in numeracy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. This can be done by either coming to see me or by sending a note in with your child.

Kind regards,

*Mrs. Newton*