

# Class 2

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 5



Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. This class newsletter contains lots of information about the next six weeks in Class 2 and our new topic entitled 'Chocolate Explorers'.

*Mrs. Anderson*



## Term 5 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 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 detailed, mosaic Aztec masks which will be displayed for the whole school to see.

As you know, 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. 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, children will be learning how to write a recount about our exciting trip to *Cadbury World*, before moving onto poetry work. During this unit, children will experiment with writing descriptive 'What Am I?' poems and acrostic poems before looking at the work of Michael Rosen. The class will use the poem 'Chocolate Cake' to create their own performance poems.

Some of our numeracy lessons will also be topic-based. 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 by making topic links. 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. Children will be looking at the life cycle of plants and how plants adapt to their environment. They will have the opportunity to plant some seeds and create their own experiments to determine which elements plants need in order to survive.

In our RE lessons this term, children will learn about the religion of Hinduism and the Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan.

As part of our 'Real PE' sessions, Children will begin focusing on the creative elements of PE. Children will select and link movements to fit in a theme and begin to compare their skills and movements to those of their peers. When possible this term, PE lessons will be taking place on The Green, at the playing fields or on the playground so outdoor, named PE kit is essential. Please ensure PE kits are left in school during term time. Hats and refillable water bottles are also requested as the weather gets warmer.

## Helping your child at home ...

I am really pleased with the effort that the children are putting into learning their individual spellings, practising their times-tables and completing 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 around our reading challenge wall. Please remember to ask your child 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 ...

**Cadbury World trip, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - To ensure a prompt departure from school by 9:00 am, please bring your child into school for 8:15 am. The children will need to wear full school uniform on the day of the trip; they will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink with them too. If you would like your child to buy a small souvenir, please provide them with spending money on the day of the trip in a named envelope (maximum = £5.00 per child).

**SATs** - As you will may be aware, the children will be completing their SATs papers this term. We would kindly ask that you try to ensure that your child is in school every day this term. The results from the SATs paper will be used as evidence to provide a final teacher assessment grade. The results of these assessments will be communicated to you in your child's school report at the end of the year.

Class 2 will regularly visit the outdoor classroom this term. It is important that your child brings in a pair of wellingtons or boots that can be kept at school.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns about your child's education, please contact me via email and I will respond as soon as possible. Please note that I do not pick up emails during school hours. If it is urgent or a message about illness or medicines, then please contact the office.