



Year 5 Autumn 2

Where does chocolate come from?

Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in Year 5! I hope you all had a relaxing, restful and fun half term. This term is set to be a busy one with swimming, the Cadbury World trip and a Christmas production! I can't wait for us all to get stuck in.

Supporting learning at home:

- Encourage your child to read every day. We would love children to access a range of genres in their reading at home, including poetry, non-fiction and fiction. It would be wonderful if children could visit the library and research more about chocolate, where it comes from and how it is made to further develop their understanding of the topic. **Remember our reading initiative too, 6 books to read before you leave Y5! These can be shared as a family at home for read with the children.**
- Support and encourage your child to learn their spellings each week; little and often is best. The children will bring their spellings books home with new spellings weekly. They will be tested in class every Tuesday.
- Support and encourage your child to be independent with their reading and also their homework each week.
- Please encourage children to take pride in their appearance by wearing correct school uniform. Hair bands should be black, white or red. Nail varnish is not permitted. Shoes should be smart and completely black. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Homework:

Homework will go out on a Thursday and be returned to school the following Tuesday. Please encourage children to be independent when completing homework. In Year 5 our homework will be:

- Reading at home every day, recorded in reading diaries. Children can record their reading themselves, but an adult at home must sign the child's diary to acknowledge this.
- 1 piece of Maths from Scofield and Simms book
- 1 piece of English from CGP reading comprehension books
- Weekly spellings. Set on Thursday and tested on Tuesday. Children can practise in their spelling books that go home with them

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 4th November – Swimming for Year 5 begins
- Friday 7th November – Cadbury world trip
- Friday 14th November – Year 5 cake sale
- Thursday 27th November – Parent sharing event
- Week commencing 8th December – KS2 Christmas productions (look out for exact dates/times)
- Wednesday 10th December – Whole school Christingle service at Coventry Cathedral
- Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Peter Pan Panto Trip

Below you will find more information on what we are learning across the curriculum this half term. Please feel free to email or speak to me if you have any questions or worries. You can either speak to me on the door or via the Year 5 email (year5@barfordstpeters.co.uk). Please note that emails are

not checked regularly throughout the day so please contact the office for any urgent messages. I will endeavour to respond to any emails within 24 hours.

Best wishes,

Miss Newman

English

Our English will link with our learning theme. Over the next half term, we will be focusing on text **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. We will produce lots of different genres of writing, including character and setting descriptions, formal letters, news reports, play scripts, newspaper articles and informative and persuasive leaflets and adverts.

We will also be learning and implementing lots of new grammar and punctuation into our writing, to enhance the overall quality. These will include, but are not limited to, punctuation for parenthesis, relative clauses and modal verbs.

Should you want to support your children with their grammar at home, here is a link to [BBC Bitesize](#), which has some useful videos/ activities to support with various GPS areas:
[BBC Bitesize KS2 Grammar](#)

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on two units: Multiplication and Division and Fractions.

Multiplication and Division: We will start with looking at factors, multiples, square and cubed numbers before moving on to learn how to complete formal methods for multiplication and division. We will also look at how we multiply/ divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

Fractions: We will look at how to order and compare fractions where denominators are the same and different. We will also understand equivalence of unit, non-unit, improper fractions and mixed numbers. Moving on, we will look at how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with the same and different denominators.

Should you wish to support your child with these methods or concepts at home, here are some links to [BBC Bitesize](#) example videos (these links also provide activities for children to complete if they wanted some extra practice):

[BBC Bitesize Long Multiplication](#)

[BBC Bitesize Short Division](#)

[BBC Bitesize Multiplying decimals](#)

[BBC Bitesize Dividing decimals](#)

[BBC Bitesize Fractions](#)

Spanish



Mi familia

This half term, we will learn the vocabulary for family members and create our own family trees in Spanish, describing our relatives and their ages. We will also revisit the days and months of the year and discover how Christmas is celebrated in Spain.

DT



DT this term will be 'Chocolate creations!' We will market research chocolate flavours before inventing and making our own chocolate bar. We will also design (using CAD) and make our own packing for these creations!

Science



This term we will be learning all about 'Earth and Space'. We will look at how the planets all orbit and also looking at how the moon orbits around the Earth.

P.E.



Our P.E this half term will be on a Wednesday with a sports coach focusing on gymnastics. Our other PE session will be in the form of swimming, taking place on Tuesdays – please ensure children come to school with correct kit.

R.E.



In RE this term, we will be starting with our Christian layover unit which will give us more of an insight into Christian traditions and beliefs.

Relationships & Health Education



Our PSHE this half term will be a unit called 'Families and Relationships'. In lessons we will develop an understanding of families and friendships and look at how we can deal with issues to strengthen our relationships.

History/ Geography



In History we will look into how chocolate first came over to Europe from the Spanish Conquest.

In Geography, we will study the locations where modern day cocoa is produced and its journey from bean to bar, we will also look at where in the world consumes the most chocolate. In addition, we will study the environmental and social impacts of cocoa farming including how fair trade is encouraged.

Computing



Our new Computing unit will be 'Music: Scratch'. In this, we will apply programming skills to create sound and melodies.

Music



In music, we will be preparing for our Christmas production learning to sing the songs!