

Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

Kestrels

Autumn 2016



*"Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this
golden Ticket, from Mr. Willy Wonka!
I shake you warmly by the hand!
Tremendous things are in store for you!"*



Our Theme : Chocolate

Our Key Values:

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,
Fairness, Honesty, Respect



Welcome to the Kestrels! We are all looking forward to a brand new academic year working together on lots of exciting topics.

English

In English, we are learning how to develop creative writing skills in fictional stories set in imaginary worlds and poetry, studying plays and writing dialogue and exploring the features of newspapers, as well as promoting grammar, spelling and punctuation during every lesson.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are learning about the skills involved in calculating using the 4 operations. We will also work through activities in place value, data-handling and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be learnt on a weekly basis.

Science

In Science, we are learning about animals, including humans, and states of matter. We will be exploring the properties of solids and liquids, as well as learning about the functions of teeth.

R.E

In R.E, we are learning about who Jesus was, looking at evidence from the Bible. We will also be looking more in-depth at the Lord's Prayer as well as Bible stories.

Computing

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet, how to write a program to create an animation and how to fix bugs in programs.

PSHE

In PSHE, our themes within the Jigsaw scheme of work will be 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

P.E

With Mr Toothill we will be completing activities in swimming and hockey.

International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

Our theme is Chocolate.

Our Entry day activities involve tasting different sorts of chocolate and hot chocolate, and designing a chocolate machine.

Our Exit day activity is a Chocolate Factory museum, packed full of all the fantastic facts we have discovered this term. Best of all, there will be a chocolate shop open inside the museum!

As Geographers we will be finding out

- where cacao trees are found and what factors affect their growth
- about other cash crops

As Historians we will be finding out

- who first discovered chocolate
- who took the first chocolate to Europe
- about the importance of cocoa beans for trade

As Scientists we will be finding out

- about the ingredients in chocolate
- if chocolate causes tooth decay
- why chocolate wrappers are made from special materials
- what the melting point of chocolate is

As Designers we will be finding out

- how to make own versions of chocolate
- how to design a wrapper for our new chocolate

Important Information

As per the school homework policy which is available at www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our Swimming day is: Wednesday

Our P.E day is: Friday

Spelling tests will take place every fortnight within your child's spelling group. Any help you can give your child to prepare for this would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to hear your child read any night, and complete their Reading Record book. Discussing and spelling words from the Y3/4 list within the Reading Record would also be a great help.

Thank you.

I hope this gives you a clearer picture of the work we will be covering this term. I'm sure we will have a great time exploring all these areas. If you feel you can help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you, and, if you have any queries about anything, please pop in to see me.

Thank you.

Amanda Roe