

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Harriers

Autumn 2018



**Our Theme : Chocolate**

### **Our Christian Values:**

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



A warm welcome to the Harriers' Class. We have had a very productive start to our school year and I think the children thoroughly enjoyed their 'Wow' Day.

### **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 place value and the size of numbers. We will then move onto calculation skills and fractions as well as combining these skills in real-life and word problems. Times tables will be learnt on a weekly basis. They are our targets.

### **Science**

In Science, we are learning about states of matter, exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. We will then move onto studying animals including humans, learning about the functions of teeth.

### **R.E**

In R.E, we are learning about 'People of God'. We will be looking at stories from the Bible about people who followed God, particularly Noah. Then we will move onto exploring the Christian Trinity in a little more depth.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we are learning about how to stay safe when using the internet. Our main theme is 'We are reporters' and we will be recording a cookery video on the iPads.

### **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](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday.

Our Swimming day is: Friday

Our P.E day is: Thursday

Spelling rules will be learnt within your child's spelling group, and tables tests (Maths Challenge) will take place on a Friday. Any help you can give your child to prepare for these would be greatly appreciated.

Please continue to hear your child read every 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.

***If there are any issues, please contact me so that any concerns can be quickly resolved.***

***I am available before or after school, in the playground, or through the school's email. I look forward to meeting new parents in the next few weeks or at our Parent Consultation Evening in October.***

***Kind regards, Gary Easby***