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Aim High

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Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to the last term of Year 2.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – ‘Roald Dahl’

Next half term we will be learning through the exciting topic of Roald Dahl. This theme is arts, literacy and science based. We will be undertaking activities based around the story of Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. A fun and creative read for children to develop understanding of character through relating to and comparing the varied young personalities featured in the book. In addition, children will avail of the opportunity to engage in lots of creative writing, chocolate melting and golden egg and ticket art activities.

NUMERACY

We will be working with the Numeracy framework Unit 3 Block B (Securing number facts, understanding shape), Unit 3 Block A. (Counting, partitioning and calculating) and block E (Securing number facts, relationships and calculating). All of units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed so far in Year 2.

LITERACY

We will continue to work with the new Literacy framework 'literacy and language' Unit 6 fiction fantasy story 'Chocolate planet' and non-fiction information text 'Chocolate'. To tie in with this, we will immerse ourselves in the wonderful work of Roald Dahl learning through practical and fun activities directly related to his books. To end, we will carry creative pieces of writing. Incorporating both the literacy and language programme and Charlie and the Chocolate factory texts will help children to continue to expand their understanding of various text types and develop key writing skills.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. We will cover both gymnastics and multi-skills. Children will require both indoor and outdoor kits and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home.

Please ensure your child has the proper kit in school with them all week.

LEARNING SKILLS

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be thinking skills. We will be working towards the following "I can..." statements

- I can (with a little help) make a suggestion as to why something happened.
- I can express views on ideas, options, books and events, explaining what aspects I liked or did not like.
- I can describe some good things about another person's idea.
- I can describe a problem that I am, or a group are, trying to solve.



HOME LEARNING

All children will be given a task in their learning log on a Wednesday which is due in the following Tuesday. Your child will be given a question (which may be based on literacy, numeracy or Science) to answer, choosing to present it as they wish.

The class will also be set a half term home learning project which will be linked to their topic theme. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning.

The project for next half term will be **'Show me what you know about your favourite Roald Dahl character.'** This could include writing a fact file about the character, draw and describe the character or make a model of the character. You could write your own story about this character. You could do a mind map about the character or research other characters that are similar to this one or anything else you would prefer to embark upon.

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Children will be given one reading book and one library book at the beginning of the term and they have the opportunity to change their **reading book** on **Tuesday** and their **library book** on **Wednesday** when we visit our school library.

Please ensure children have their reading book in school with them **every day** so it is possible for children to read with an adult in school.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main office area.

Finally, as we say goodbye and best wishes to Miss Cooper, we welcome Mrs Beesley who will be joining our team this summer to help us with our learning in the afternoons.

So, from all of the adults that will be working in Year 2, Mrs Thornburn, Miss Odain, Mrs Beesley and myself we are looking forward to an exciting and successful end to the year.

Kind regards

Miss Mulligan
Class Teacher

Mrs Thornburn
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Miss Odain
HLTA

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

