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Aim High

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Thursday 22nd May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into our final half term in Year 4, we are consolidating our learning for next term. We have decided to continue (by popular vote!) our topic on Chocolate. This term has been a short one and we have so much more to discover and learn through this curriculum theme.

So far, we have experienced a chocolate tasting, where we had to guess where chocolate came from, what percentage of cocoa solids it might have, what the distinct flavours and textures were, etc. After 16 tastings of different types of chocolate, we have become experts!

We have learnt where in the world cocoa beans are grown and how chocolate is manufactured. One of our parents kindly led 'chocolate pizza' making workshops with our children as well! We continue to enjoy our topic so will learn even more next term and will also be looking forward to our trip to Cadbury's World on 26th June.



MAIN LEARNING THEME

The main areas of learning will be Science and DT. We will be looking at the history of chocolate, where it comes from in the World and carrying out experiments involving chocolate in Science. We'll also be planning and designing our own brand of chocolate and packaging. We hope to film our adverts to promote our chocolate bar and then to make the product and have a chocolate bar competition!

SPEAKING & LISTENING SKILLS – Developing listening and respecting others' points of view and ideas

We will be focusing on the following 3 skills:

- I can take an active part in discussions and talk about my ideas confidently to different groupings.
- I can listen attentively to what others are saying in a discussion and respond with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- I can discuss the main points of what I have heard.

NUMERACY

In numeracy we will be following the National Numeracy Framework. We'll be focusing D3: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape and E3: Securing number facts, relationships and calculating. We will continue to encourage children to learn their multiplication facts and their associated division facts as this will improve their calculation skills. Please help with this by encouraging your child to learn them at home.

LITERACY

In Language and Literacy we will be looking at play scripts, stories with historical settings and also, evaluating evidence. We will also be writing our own texts in each genre.

PE

This will be on Wednesday and Thursday. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children 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 (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home). Year 4 children will continue to visit Jack Hunt School swimming pool on Thursdays in the summer term for swimming lessons. This will replace Thursday's PE lesson.

HOME LEARNING

Your child will receive a weekly activity in their Learning Logs. This will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Tuesday. Every Tuesday, one Learning Log per class is chosen to be shared in the whole school assembly on Thursday. Your child will also be awarded House Points for the work produced in their Learning Logs. The way in which the work is presented is entirely up to the child. In addition, there will be key skills literacy and/or numeracy homework set.

Home learning is expected to be completed each week at home and handed in on time by Tuesday. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. Can you please ensure that your child completes their home learning each week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

In addition to this, your child can choose to undertake a half-term home learning project, which could be the focus of their homework for the beginning of the term. This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning. This can involve the whole family and should be linked to our topic theme; the more creative the better!

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading books which they can share with you at home and will be changed weekly. Year 4 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us 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.

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Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds
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