



Spring 2 Newsletter

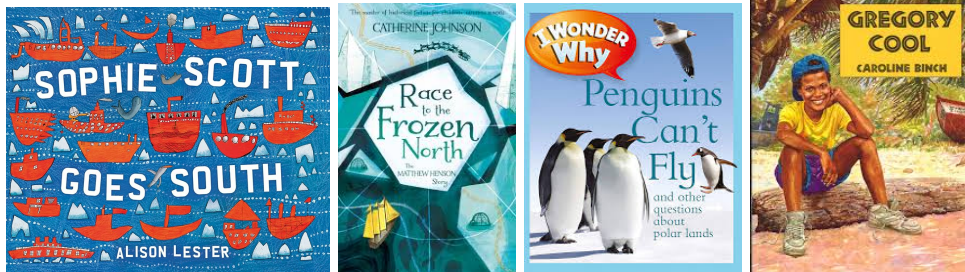
Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Spring 2!

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests?

These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



Reading

This half term we will be reading 'Charlie and the chocolate factory' by Roald Dahl as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of laughter and imaginative ideas that links to our topic of chocolate!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of Chocolate and based around the text 'Charlie and the chocolate factory'. Using this text, the children will write a play script using stage directions and descriptive language. They will also write a persuasive letter to the local shops, convincing them to sell fairtrade chocolate. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding rhetorical questions to provoke thinking and writing in the third person with a focus on doubly -ly sentences. An example of these sentences is:

Augustus Gloop stared at the delicious chocolate river longingly and desperately.

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Spelling

We are learning these spelling patterns this half term: Adding the suffix -ness, words ending in -le, -el and -al, and the suffix -ful.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Mass- measuring and comparing mass in grams and kilograms, and solving word problems around mass using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies.

Volume - comparing and measuring volume in millilitres and litres and comparing greater and less than capacities. We will then solve word problems around volume and capacity.

[Factors, multiples and primes - KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

History and Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about chocolate. We will investigate how and where chocolate comes from and how it is made. The children will be thinking about how we can encourage buying fairtrade and the significance of it. They will also look at the evolution of chocolate from its origins in the Mayan civilisation compared to now.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February e safety week

Thursday 27th February Y3 Soanes centre trip

Thursday 27th February Voces8 Vocal project Years 1 2 3 4

Friday 7th March World Book Day dress up

Friday 7th March 3.30pm School council book sale

Monday 10th March science week

Tuesday 11th March The Yard Drama group starts

Thursday 13th March VOCES8 Years 1 2 3 4

Tuesday 18th March Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 21st March Year 3 Family Assembly

Friday 4th April - end of term 2pm finish

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts

Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Giving.' We will be learning about the Fairtrade and how Fairtrade helps those in developing countries and how we can best support that. We will consider how we can encourage others to buy Fairtrade.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be 'Light.' We will explore different light sources, both natural and unnatural. We will learn how light works and how we need it in everyday life. We will plan, investigate and record a shadow experiment, monitoring how types of light sources and distance alter the size and shape of the shadow.

We will develop our scientific skills by planning our investigation, selecting our equipment, recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Data and information.' We will develop our understanding of computer databases and how information is stored. We will learn how to spot patterns in databases and make our own database using specific information.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Healthy Me.' During this topic, the children will think about what it means to have a healthy body and mind, and why that is important. They will learn how to keep fit and healthy through diet and exercise, but how to also keep your mind healthy and happy.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Islam. Our key question is ‘How do the features of the mosque help muslims to pray?’ We will learn about Muslim religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Football and Gymnastics.

Class PE Day: **Tuesday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Tuesdays**.

Music

The children will be exploring Motown music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is ‘Places.’ The children will learn how to use language linked to their classroom and school.

Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will link their lessons to their chocolate topic by designing and making chocolate boxes.

We will also be doing some cooking activities surrounding chocolate.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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