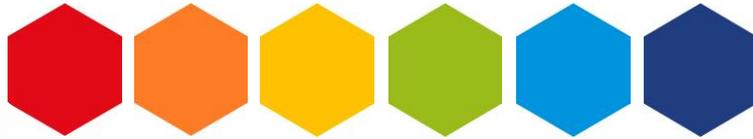
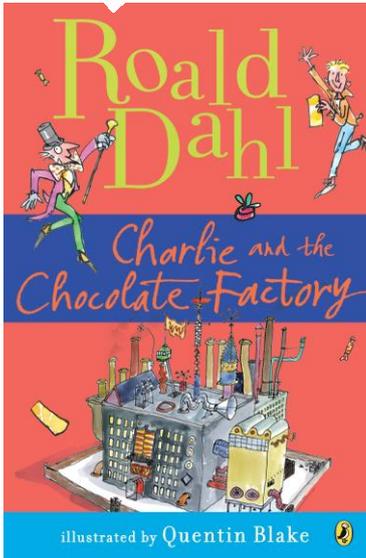


# Year 2 Newsletter



April 2021



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Our main topic this half term is based on the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. In our English lessons, we will be focussing on describing and developing settings and characters from the story. We will also be reading and writing chocolate poetry and writing instructions for making our own chocolates.

In geography lessons, children will be learning about where chocolate comes from and all about Fairtrade. We will focus on the country of Brazil in South America; Children will also learn about the Amazon rainforest and the environmental impact that deforestation is having on our world.



In Design Technology we will be designing and making our own boxes of chocolates. Through our 'Be Healthy' learning hive, we will be discussing what makes a balanced diet and how chocolate can be enjoyed as an occasional treat!

## Maths

In maths this half term we will begin our work on measurement, starting with length and height and then moving on to time. Children need to be able to read and write time on an analogue clock to the nearest 15 minutes.

We are really noticing the benefits of children learning their times tables at home: 2 x, 3 x, 5 x and 10 x tables plus the related division facts; the TTRockstars website really supports the learning of these facts. Also, please continue to use Mathletics at home too. We are seeing lots of bronze and some silver and gold certificates too! Remember, the child with the greatest number of points earns the special award of Mathlete of the Week. Can you earn an award this half term? [www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

## Science

Science this half term will concentrate on growing plants which will of course include a visit to Farfield Farm. Children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. I wonder if we will find any cocoa bean plants on Farfield Farm?

Plus, to enhance our 'chocolate' topic, we will be conducting some chocolate experiments!



## Reading

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Please remember to write in the record book when you hear your child read. Please continue to use 'Bug Club' for a greater selection of books online:

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login)

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### Spelling

Please continue to look at the weekly spelling letters we send home. Although we spend a lot of time in school learning and practising spellings, it is important that children also practise these with you at home. We always include the common exception words that we are learning and examples of words using the phonic or spelling pattern we are focussing on. We have an informal spelling test on a Monday using words from the previous week. Please also continue to use our online spelling resource, Spelling Shed. Your support is appreciated.

### PE

This half term **both classes** will have **outdoor P.E on Wednesdays** and **indoor P.E on Monday (2LO) and Tuesday (2LA)**. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school, including suitable footwear and clothing for outdoors. Remember to label all their clothing so that items don't get lost!

### End of Key Stage 1 Assessments

Although there is no statutory requirement for children to take SATs this year, we will still be completing some assessments to make teacher assessment judgements for our own school records. This will also enable us to identify gaps for future teaching and learning.

### Year 2 Blog

Do you look at the Year 2 blog? We write a weekly post every Friday that includes an overview of the learning that has taken place that week along with photographs. We often include links to games and activities which can be used to support learning at home. Thank you to everyone who has written comments or just given the post a 'thumbs up':

<http://ffks1.primaryblogger.co.uk/>

If you don't get email alerts about new postings on the blog, please register your email address with the office.

If you have any concerns, please either talk to any of the staff in the class or you can email us on:

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Thank you for all your support.

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