



**SHENFIELD ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term! We can't believe that we are already into our second term in year 2 and what an action-packed one it is going to be! Our Stunning Starter is sure to be a favourite of both classes as we will sample and rate a selection of chocolate. There could be some new brands of chocolate being added to your shopping list soon!

Our Chocolate topic will allow the children to learn about the process of making chocolate and the climate and location of chocolate-producing countries. We then trace the origins of chocolate in Mexico by exploring the Aztec civilisation, through their culture, religion, traditions and family life. Having studied the Aztecs, we will be using the patterns in their textiles as a starting point for creating our own amazing Aztec-inspired print. We will be investigating stencilling and print-making techniques and using these within our prints.

We will be heading into the magical world of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! After focusing on the adventures of Charlie Bucket in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', we will be writing our own exciting chapter introducing a new tempting room within his factory. A highlight will be our DT project where we will design and make our own mode of transport for the Oompa- Loompas to travel through the factory.

We will continue to follow our Understanding Christianity curriculum which has engaged the children and already given them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Christianity. Our focus will be Gospel and Salvation as we learn about stories Jesus told and the Easter story. We will also be learning about Sikhism.

Our PE afternoons on Monday and Thursday will remain the same. Please ensure any new PE kit is clearly labelled and that earrings are removed. Homework will continue to be sent via 'Google Classroom' and there will be two projects to complete, one each half term. Project one will be to carry out a chocolate survey of their choice. More details will follow.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another amazing term!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Chandler and Mrs Ward



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