



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 Two and what an action-packed one it is going to be! Our Stunning Starter is always a favourite of both classes as we will sample and rate a selection of chocolate. Even children in Year Six look back and nostalgically remember enjoying this lesson when they were in Year Two!

Our Chocolate topic will allow the children to learn about the fascinating 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 lucky golden ticket winner and a 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 lessons will be on Monday and Tuesday until half-term. After that, the lessons will be on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure any new PE kit is clearly labelled and that earrings are removed. On 2nd March the school will be holding its annual cross-country race which all year groups participate in. It will be a busy week that week for Kestrel Class, who will be performing their class-based worship to the school and parents on 3rd March. 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,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Hodder



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