

Charlie and the Chocolate factory
Year 5 Spring 1
Parent Information Sheet



This topic is based on the story written by Roald Dahl: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This topic is all about teamwork: working together to create and sell tasty products that has been researched and tested,

culminating with us selling our chocolates to you - be ready to order some delicious treats!

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There will be plenty of cooking skills in action during this topic. We will:

- test and evaluate chocolate;
- make chocolate prototypes;
- design and make packaging.

Computing

In computing, we will be using Google Forms to analyse our product research and then use our publishing skills to create recipe cards to go with our final product.

English

There are some amazing characters in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and we will use these to create our own characters and rooms to add a 'lost' chapter to the story.

Maths

This half term's focus is long multiplication and short division so knowledge of tables is vital! We will look at calculations such as 4561×56 or $567 \div 8$ and the steps we need to take to make sure our answers are accurate.

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The children will be in groups and so this topic is all about working as a team, identifying our own strengths and weaknesses in the group and making compromises. This topic is fabulous for handling finances and developing social skills.

How to help at home:

Reading and Maths

- **Read daily** with your child and discuss characters and settings (particularly Roald Dahl).
- Practise all multiplication and division facts, creating new and exciting ways of remembering them.
If you have a good way to remember them, share it with your class!

Cross curricular

- Look at packaging of food products at home and in the shops – what draws your eye the most? **Can you bring in some good sweet and chocolate wrappers and boxes examples to show us on our first day back?**
- Practise your cooking skills, especially sweet treats!
- Visit the local library and find Roald Dahl books you haven't read before.

Homework

Homework, as always, will be set and assigned on a Wednesday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

Learn the spellings given to you each week, as you will continue to be tested on them each Monday!

PE

PE will be on a Thursday and Friday; the children will need an indoor and outdoor PE kit also (jade green t-shirt, black shorts, trainers and a tracksuit – plain black if possible please).

Dates to note:

Tuesday 4th January	Back to school
Tuesday 8th February	Valentine's Chocolate sale extravaganza! We will keep you posted on the format!
Thursday 10th February	KS2 Disco 6.00 – 7.30pm
Friday 11th Last day of Spring 1	Break up for half term
Monday 21st	Non pupil Day
Tuesday 22nd February	Back to school

