



**Uniform, PE kits and water bottles...** Please ensure your child is sent everyday with a named water bottle containing water only. Full indoor and outdoor P.E. kits need to be in school and remain in school all term. Please ensure your child has correct uniform and looks smart in line with the new expectations.

**Homework ...** Homework will start from week beginning 11.9.16. One piece of maths and one piece of phonics will be given weekly. Homework is handed out on a Friday and expected back in on the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed at home then children will be expected to attend homework club. Please keep all homework in school packs. They will be emptied half termly. A half term project will also be given.

**Reading ...** Each week your child will be given a reading book. Their reading books will be changed with an adult once weekly. Please ensure that your child brings their books and reading record to school every day.

**Dates for your diary ...**

Apple class library visits: 7th September, 5th October, 9th November

Hawthorn class library visits: 14th September, 12th October, 16th November



# From Bean to Bar!



## Year 2 Autumn Term



**Welcome to year 2!** As we are sure you are aware this is a really important year for your child as we prepare them for SATs and we are looking forward to taking them on the next part of their school journey. It is important that your child is in school and on time every day to help them achieve their full potential. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming year.

#### **Year 2 team...**

Miss Wilkinson (Apple Class Teacher and KS1 Phase Leader)

Miss Cartwright (Hawthorn Class Teacher)

Mrs Brady (Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Marriott (Teaching Assistant)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you should have any concerns, we will do our best to answer your queries.

The happiness of your child is very important to us all.

#### **Our topic...**

The theme for our Autumn Term topic is 'From Bean to Bar'. The topic aims to develop the children's understanding of geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area in a contrasting non-European country. This will enable them to answer our big questions for this term, which are; Why do cocoa beans grow better in Ghana than England? And, What impact have the Cadbury family had on the local area? It will also help children understand and identify plants and animals that live in the local environment and compare it with those that live in less familiar habitats. We do hope that you will support and encourage your child to research this topic at home as this will promote their thirst for learning.

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**English...** This term in English we will be studying non-fiction texts, stories by the same author, poetry and stories with familiar settings. There will be a heavy focus on spelling, grammar and punctuation to prepare the children for their SATs.

**Maths...** This term in Maths we will be focusing on number and place value and rehearsing counting in 2's 5's and 10's. We will be learning efficient written methods for the four operations (+ - x and ÷) and looking at problem solving through reasoning.

**Science...** In Science this term we will be exploring our local environment and the plants and animals that live there. We will also be focusing on categorising by alive, dead, and never living.

**History and Geography...** Throughout the term we will be focusing on the origins of chocolate and the history of the Cadbury family. In Geography we will be learning about fair trade and the growth of the cocoa beans in Ghana and following its journey to Cadbury World.

**PE...** In Gymnastics we will be exploring different ways to use our bodies to travel, a range of different jumps and creating a variety of balances on apparatus. In games the children will be learning skills needed in invasions games for attacking and defending.

**Design and Technology...** In Design and Technology we will be testing, designing, making and evaluating a new chocolate bar. We will conduct market research to help us create our design.

**Music...** In music the children will have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder, provided by Dudley Performing Arts.

**RE...** In R.E. we will be exploring how we can offer praise and thanks to our local community. We will think about heroes and heroines in our area and discuss the qualities that make a hero.

**Computing...** In Computing we will be learning how to use presentation programmes such as PowerPoint. The children will learn to create files, add slides and import pictures from the internet.

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