

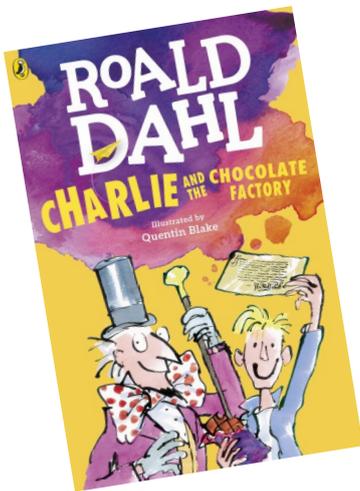
Year 5

Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school. We have missed you all and are looking forward to starting the new school year! We are so excited for another fun and engaging term.

A few reminders:

- PE will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure children come to school on these days wearing their PE kit and make sure it is weather appropriate. The PE kits will be worn all day.
- Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars will be ready on Fridays and will be checked the following Fridays. Spelling and timetables tests will also take place at the end of the week.
- New books will be available from the first week of term. Please encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week; this will be checked by an adult in school weekly. Library books will also be available to widen the children's reading opportunities. Accelerated



Curriculum

This term our topic is 'Sweet Success'. The children will be learning all about the local history of Pontefract and its connection to liquorice production. As part of our topic we will be holding a Sweet Success workshop where the children will learn more about this topic.

Additionally, we will be learning about the Mayan culture and civilisation. As well as providing some creative opportunities in Art and DT lessons.

In our English lessons we will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl, which will compliment our studies. The content of this novel will be used to inspire the children's own writing.

As part of our school's 'Recovery Curriculum', we will spend the first part of the year focusing on the revision of key literacy skills. We will continue to provide opportunities to apply these skills to extended pieces of writing.

Reading

Please ensure your child is reading at least 3 times per week at home. This needs to be recorded in their home reading records to ensure they earn team points.

To develop their comprehension skills, please work with them to focus on their understanding of the text by asking questions and discussing what they've read.

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Maths

In maths, we will also be following a 'Recovery Curriculum' which will involve spending the first part of the year focussing on the fundamentals of number. We will revise key place value knowledge and provide a wide range of opportunities to apply these skills in order to gain a greater mastery of the subject.

Following on from place value, the children will practise their skills in the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables at home through TT Rockstars.

Although we acknowledge that things in school are slightly different currently, we want to reassure you and your child that their wellbeing is our top priority. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact school.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again soon and getting back into our routines.

Mrs Mitchell (Barn Owls), Mrs Webster and Mrs Henwood (Tawny Owls)