

Geography/History:

To link in with our main theme, we will be learning about the countries that are major producers of chocolate. We will be studying their physical and human features and the ecological conditions that favour the growth of cacao trees. In History, we will be studying the Mayans and in Geography we will investigate the Amazon rainforest.

Art:

Our Art topic will be drawing: power prints. This is a new and exciting topic, where the children will be developing a range of drawing and printing skills.

Computing

In Computing, we will be editing the HTML and CSS of a web page to change the layout of a website and the text and images.

TRIPS:

We will be going to Tye Green library in the spring term.

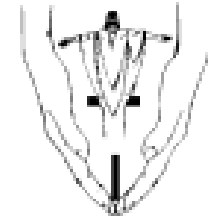
Other Information

Seesaw: This term, we will continue to put important information on seesaw. Please help your children to access this. This includes the weekly homework tasks, spellings and any other important notices.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and is due back on Tuesday (Rabbits) Wednesday (Hares) This year we will using the CGP numeracy books that relate to our learning in class and each child will also have a red homework book for their writing tasks. There will also be spring homework grids uploaded. There will be six creative tasks that can be attempted for a range of subjects. The children are also encouraged to practice their times tables regularly. This can be achieved through an exciting game called Times Tables Rockstars. They will need to learn the spellings for the week and read at least three times to an adult at home. Please ensure they are also signed by an adult. The reading diaries will be checked weekly on a Friday morning. Times tables and spelling tests will take place on a Thursday morning.

Cooking: This term we will be making Mayan hot chocolate, to link in with our history topic. Please can you send in £2 so we can purchase the ingredients.

Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy



Year Four
Spring 2024 Topic Letter

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The following is an outline of the work that your child will be covering this term. Our theme is 'Chocolate.'

English

The children will be studying poetry and performing poetry, they will be given the opportunities to read examples of existing poems and use their imagination to write their own, individually and with their peers.

We will be learning how to write a guidebook, this will be linked to our Rainforest topic, the children will think about a trip to the rainforest.

We will also be learning myths and legends, we will be focusing on Pandora's box and then be writing our own myth based on Pandora's Box.

SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar)

These skills will be incorporated into our daily literacy lessons. The children will learn how to edit and improve their writing through self and peer assessment. We will be thinking about a variety of pronouns, fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and paragraphing.

Reading comprehension

Whole class comprehension sessions will take place four times each week, with one of the lessons being dedicated to studying vocabulary. This term the comprehension texts will be based around a combination of bible stories and Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Maths

This term, we will be learning how to:

Multiply and divide using the column and short division methods

Use decimal notation for tenths and hundredths and partition decimals; position one-place and two-place decimals on a number line

Learn to use efficient written methods to add and subtract three- and four-digit whole numbers and use it in the context of problem solving

Recognise and continue number sequences by counting on or back in steps of constant size

Draw polygons and classify them by identifying their properties, including their line symmetry

Visualise 3-D objects from 2-D drawings; make nets of common solids

Use tables, charts and graphs to present data.

Estimate, measure and record length, weight and capacity; know the meaning of 'kilo', 'centi' and 'milli'; where appropriate, use decimal notation to record measurements (e.g. 1.3 m or 0.6 kg), and make simple conversions

Recognise equivalent fractions and link them to decimals

Draw rectangles and measure and calculate their perimeters and the area.

Know that angles are measured in degrees and that one whole turn is 360°

Target: To learn times tables facts up to 12.

The above target links to the assessment that will take place in the summer term, where the children will use the chrome books to answer twenty five questions. They will have six seconds to answer each question.

Science

In the first half of the term we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'.

After half term, the focus will be states of matter.

Children will learn the difference between solids, liquids and gases, and will be able to use the appropriate vocabulary to describe the changes. They will also learn about reversible and irreversible changes. We will look at nutrition, and whether chocolate can be part of a healthy diet.

The class will continue to develop their enquiry skills through detailed observations and investigations, and they will be using our environment and classroom areas in school for such investigations.

PE

This term, our PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday. We will be teaching football, netball and fitness sessions. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit, including trainers.

French

In French, the children will learn about how to say and understand basic instructions, name members of the family, animals and describe hobbies.

Music

This term, we will concentrate on exploring rhythm.

Gardening

We will be growing chillies from fresh chilli seeds.