



## Year 6 Autumn Term

*'It's chocolate but not as we know it...'*



We hope you had a lovely summer holiday – here's what year 6 will be up to in the autumn term. This year we are continuing with an exciting, thematic approach to teaching; this allows children to make connections between areas of learning, and consolidate skills. All the themes chosen deliver the programmes of study for the National Curriculum. MFL, R.E and science will be taught discreetly.

### Maths

To provide a solid recap of all of their mathematical understanding, children will be thinking about place value. Specifically focusing on large numbers and decimals, before moving on to rounding and place value problems. Using their knowledge of multiplication facts and place value, they will solve questions involving decimals e.g.  $0.8 \times 7$ . They will also recognise prime numbers as only having two factors and identify prime numbers below 100. Children will spend time recapping and developing skills solving calculations and problems using all 4 operations before moving onto using fractions in multiple ways: simplifying, ordering, and the use of the 4 operations with fractions. They will then learn how to solve multi step problems including some with fractions.

### English

In English the children will be working on writing sentences using a full range of punctuation (including higher level punctuation): capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, commas, inverted commas, ellipses, semi-colons, dashes, hyphens and colons. They will be encouraged to use conjunctions to improve their writing as well as a variety of sentence openers and powerful adjectives and adverbs. Children will also be encouraged to adapt the formality of their writing to suit the purpose and use a variety of tenses for effect. We will learn about a variety of genres including narrative and non-chronological reports. The children will have spellings to learn on a weekly basis. In Whole Class Reading we will focus on different reading skills weekly, as well as focus on both fiction and non-fiction texts.

### Thematic

Our topic will involve some geographical studies on the continent of North America, including a focus on Mexico and map skills. Our investigation into the history of chocolate will take us back to the Mayan era followed by the Aztecs, allowing the children to get an in depth knowledge of this period of history. Throughout our topic, the children will be using their computing skills to research. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of chocolate flavours but also make a chocolate based product as part of their DT curriculum. Furthermore, Aztec printing will be the focus in art this term. We hope we can take a trip to the home of chocolate... Cadbury World!

### Science

As scientists the children will find out about electricity and how to conduct circuits using a range of components. There will be plenty of opportunity for scientific enquiry in this unit.

### Modern Foreign Languages

In MFL the children will continue their learning of French!

### PE

PE will be taught by Soccer 2000 and the children will have two lessons per week focusing on a range of skills.

### Religious Education

The children will be looking within their local community of Wolverhampton to discuss and develop opinions on the topic of respect within communities and how this can be developed.

### PSHEe

The children will be learning about 3 units, including: families and friendships, safe relationships, respecting ourselves and others.