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Dear Parents,

Adding to the buzz of Christmas, our new topic 'Chocoholics' is always met with excitement by the children and offers lots of topic links to our wider curriculum. With so much to offer, the topic will be taught for most of terms 3 and 4.

We will focus on the journey of chocolate from 'bean to bar', writing explanations in our literacy. Later in the topic the children's entrepreneurial spirit will be ignited as they create and market their own chocolate creations.

Alongside all this, we will be learning about the Mayan civilisation, healthy eating and Central and South America in History, Science and Geography. There will also be a focus on times tables, multiplication and division next term in Maths.

We have an exciting trip planned for the 26<sup>th</sup> January to Cadbury's World, where the pupils will be exploring the factory and receiving workshops on how chocolate is made. More details about this will follow early next term.

PE has been a little chilly this term so we will be in the hall doing gymnastics on Monday afternoons and Thursday afternoons will continue to be Forest School as normal. We may also have a specialist dance teacher on Friday afternoons which I will confirm next term.

Homework will continue as normal. Spellings and reading will be weekly. The children should be practising their multiplication tables regularly, with the 3 and 4 times tables being the focus for next term. I would also encourage the children to use the 'Prodigy' maths game I shared early last term. I can set questions for the children to answer at their level as a recap of work followed in class. If you require the usernames again please just ask.

I hope you have a great Christmas holiday! The children have been discussing ways to help at home over Christmas (including giving mummy and daddy some peace and quiet). I hope you will see the fruits of this.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact or I will see you at next term's parent teacher interviews.

Best wishes,

Mr Chandler

