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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good half term. Yet again, we have another packed term ahead. Continuing our focus on chocolate, the children have been finishing off some excellent explanations of the chocolate making process this week. For the remainder of the term they will be writing persuasive letters on the importance of fair trade chocolate and then using persuasive features to create an advertising campaign for their chocolate creations.

In Maths, our main focus is fractions: understanding fractions as parts of a whole, finding fractions of amounts and beginning to find equivalent fractions. The children will also be doing some market research on the chocolates they would like to make and using this to learn more about data handling by interpreting the results.

In Science we will be looking at the features of plants and their requirements for growth and we will also investigate the transportation of water around them. We will be learning about Holy Week in RE and will be visiting the Baptist church later in the term.

We have also started a partnership with a school in Jordan in order for the children to develop their global understanding and investigate the topic of "Hunger" alongside our partner school. I hope to begin with the children sharing a picture and a recipe from a family meal with the school in Amman. I will share a link for this to a website called 'Padlet' and more information via Class Dojo. Later in the term, we will be using shared stimulus to promote critical thinking around the subject and later this year the children will complete a project to grow some plants and food.

Next Tuesday we begin our swimming lessons. Please ensure the children have the required kit as outlined in the previous letter. We will also have dance sessions on a Friday.

Our school performance will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as I hope you have heard. The performances will be on the 26th March at 1:30pm and on the 27th March at 6:30pm. Details will follow about the making evenings and costumes needed but excitingly the script requires Year 3 to play a major role alongside Year 4.

Finally please continue to support your children with the learning of their times tables. I have seen great progress from those children regularly on our 'TT Rockstars' website. There have also been some fantastic and creative reading journal entries – lovely to see.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at parents' interviews and as always if you have any questions or wish to talk, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chandler

