Year 2 Summer 2 Overview

Dear Parents,

Our topic for this half term is 'Chocolate' This will be based around the children learning about where cocoa farms are located around the world and how the consumption of chocolate over time has varied. Also in this term, we will explore a variety of mythical stories from around the world. Please find this half term's homework below. A brief overview of each curricular area can be found overleaf which we hope you will find helpful. If you would like to contact a member of staff to ask any question or pass on information, please email staff@broughtonprimary.co.uk and mark your email 'FAO *insert teacher's name here*'. Your emails will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff during working hours.

Thank you,
Mr Yates, Mrs Porter and Mrs Watson

English Homework

Reading: The children in Year 2 will be continuing our brilliant new reading scheme. In this scheme, the books are carefully matched to the learning in each year group so that they fully complement what children are taught in class. The books have a range of relevant activities on the front and back covers to develop your children's comprehension skills. Children are still expected to read or complete one of the reading activities for at least twenty minutes each evening. Please continue to sign your child's Home School Diary every day to enable us to keep a clear record of which books the children have read and when they have completed activities. Books will be changed on a Monday and a Friday to allow children to read and enjoy the text as well as rereading and completing the relevant activities. This scheme has been carefully devised to supplement the teaching in class and supporting the children in becoming well-rounded readers.

Phonics: Homework will be set on the Friday of each week to be handed in on the following Monday.

Topic Homework

Homework activities will be available via Showbie and will be linked to our topic for this half term. It is compulsory to complete any two activities and it is optional to complete the remaining four activities. It has been indicated which activities should be completed independently and which may require a little help from an adult. Finished homework can be uploaded via Showbie to your class teacher.

Independent

- To go on a plant/tree hunt in your own garden.
- To present your findings from your plant/tree hunt.
- To write about a celebration you have experienced (baptism, wedding, birthday).
- To write a diary for a week recalling the main events from each day.
- To design your own chocolate bar.

Supported

- To write a set of instructions for how to make a jam sandwich.

Maths Homework

Every Monday, children will receive maths homework on the online system 'Mathletics' which can be found at http://uk.mathletics.com. All children will be given their own username and password which will be stuck into their 'Home Record' books. The set task should be completed for the following Monday. If you have any problems accessing the system at home, please contact your child's class teacher.

Children are also expected to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English

This half term, the children will be reading 'The Extraordinary history and Chocolate'. The children will be writing persuasive texts, non-fiction texts and diary entries.

The children will then read 'The Chocolate Monster'. They will retell key events, create newspaper articles and diary entries.

Maths

Y2 – This term the children will continue to develop their understanding of time, including comparing durations of time and finding start and end times from a set point. They will also consolidate measuring weight, volume and temperature. We will then cover problem solving using the most efficient methods, such as using classroom resources, drawings or mental strategies. This unit will particularly focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Science

In this unit the children will observe a variety of seeds and bulbs growing into mature plants. From this, they will describe the different stages of plant growth. They will carry out an investigation to see the effects of water, light and temperature on plant growth and will measure this using simple equipment. They will use their knowledge of what plants need to grow and stay healthy to produce a leaflet of tips for others.

History

The children will be able to explain that some food is grown locally and other food is grown far away. Children will recognise the importance of the school log book and how it explains that in the past, and that children regularly missed school days at Broughton so that they could help bring in the harvest. They will recognise that life is different for us today and how this must have impacted on learning and school life. They will learn the different ways people have consumed chocolate for many years.

Geography

The children will be learning about where cocoa farms are located in the world. They will learn about the cocoa supply chain and why the climate of Ghana is especially suitable for cocoa production.

Computing

In this unit, children begin to understand that sequences of commands have an outcome and make predictions based on their learning. They will use and modify designs to create their own quiz questions in ScratchJr and realise these designs in ScratchJr using blocks of code.

PE

This term the topic will be Athletics. The children will be practising running, jumping, throwing and catching skills.

Music

This term the children will consolidate their learning from across the year. All the learning this term is focused on revisiting songs and musical activities.

RE

Through this unit, children will aim to answer the question "Why is the Church a special place for Christians?" They will discover the connection between the holy places of the Old Testament and the building of places of worship. They will make links between the church building and the Gospel beginning to understand that the Church is a body of people.