

# Year 5

## Mr. Burns and Miss Shaw

### Welcome back!

This term we will be working on the theme of "Chocolate", and each of our subjects will interlink with this core theme.

#### English:

In English this term we will study a number of core texts. This will include Kenneth Grahame's wonderful classic, "The Wind in the Willows", "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl and "Bitter Chocolate" by Sally Grindley. We will also be studying newspapers, poetry, information texts and diary writing as a basis for the children's writing.

#### Maths:

We will build on the work covered last term to increase knowledge of place value and multiplication and division. The children will also cover properties of shape, units of measurement and statistics. You can help at home by making sure your child completes all set Mathematics activities.

Science - Our topics are Living things and their habitats, Animals and Humans, Lifecycles and Plants. We will take a closer look at the Cocoa plant, as part of our themed study of 'Chocolate'.

Art - We will be looking at colour, shape and pattern in chocolate wrappers and designing our own wrappers.

History - We will be learning about Mayan civilization as our Non-European contrast to British History.

Geography - We will be focusing on South America with an emphasis on Mexico. We will be linking to our History topic by studying the Mayan population of the Lacandon Rainforest and will be learning about Desert Landscapes and Fair Trade.

#### Notices

- PE continues to be twice a week — your child needs to bring in their full kit on Monday and they can take it home on Friday.
- Homework is given out on Friday and collected on Tuesday.
- Children should aim to read every evening and read at least one book per week.
- Our class mass is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 9.15am; we hope you can join us for this celebration.

Thank you.