



# Swans

We hope that you have had a really enjoyable half term break and that the children are well rested and ready for an exciting half term.

Key dates for this half term:

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Experience trip
- We are also having a bake sale and are hoping that we will enjoy a science experience



Our main topic is titled 'Cocoa Crazy' and the areas we will cover will include:

- The history of chocolate.
- The journey of chocolate from the source of the cocoa bean to the bar of chocolate in the shops.
- Fairtrade and the benefits of this to both the farmers and the environment by promoting sustainable farming. There will be a particular focus on cocoa farming in Ghana.
- Investigating and comparing different chocolate products available!!
- Designing and developing our own chocolate products to sell.
- Investigating chocolate packaging and designing our own packaging to put our chocolate products in to sell.
- Costing and pricing related to making our chocolate products.

As part of this topic we will be holding a bake sale where we will sell our cakes to raise money for 'Fair-trade' to ensure that the farmers and workers who grow the food we eat earn enough to feed their own families, send their children to school and pay their medical bills. Along-side the bake sale, the children will also be running a second hand book stall. ***Please could you begin to gather books to sell at the sale!***

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be doing 'Healthy Heart' circuit training and completing our Rugby training. *All children need shorts or leggings for inside PE. They will also need a warm sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms for outside PE, and trainers in a plastic bag (they are going to get muddy!) Plimsolls are not suitable as they will get wet feet in seconds! Please can the children have their indoor and outdoor kit in school EVERY DAY.*
- In ICT our focus is on Logo, a programming language.
- In PSHE our focus is 'Good to be me' and recognising our worth as individuals, as well as Road Safety.
- In French we will be learning the vocabulary related to Pets and Easter.
- In Science our topic is 'Teeth and digestion'.
- In food technology we will be making cakes to sell at our bake sale.
- In Art we will be designing posters to advertise our bake sale.
- In RE we will be focusing on Worship and what religions teach us about the natural world and why we should care about our natural world.

In English we will be focusing on poetry, such as tongue twisters, and letter writing and posters. We will also be looking at information texts.

In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum with a focus on calculation, fractions, decimals and problem solving. We will also continue to learn our times tables.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term.

Please feel free to catch me any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year. I am **always** happy to discuss matters that are important to both you and your child.

Mrs Criddle