

YEAR 4

How can we, as advertisers, convince someone to buy our chocolate bar?

Literacy

We are beginning this term by exploring how to use different sentence structures and fronted adverbials to write around a fantasy theme (The Magician's Shop). The children will build on this to create descriptive writing using Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as inspiration. We will then use these skills to write a persuasive advert linked to our chocolate topic.

Throughout this term we will continue to focus on handwriting.

You can use this link to practice: <https://handwritingpractice.net/handwriting/>

Maths

This term we will be focusing on decimals and money. In our decimals topic, we will begin by identifying amounts equivalent to fractions and apply this knowledge to solving money problems. In money, we will be looking at comparing and converting money into pounds and pence and solving real life problems.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zsjqtfr/articles/zsbd7p3>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=decimal>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/money>

This term we will also be focusing again on our times tables in preparation for the Year 4 test in June. The children need to know these times tables by heart so practise at home will be very beneficial. Time Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is great for practising times tables.

Physical Education

Athletics and handball will be our main sports this term. We will be practising essential ball skills and learning basic tactics to engage in games of handball. This will be taught **outside** so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing. PE Kit is **white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers**. Please ensure that your child has a **black sweatshirt**. For your child's safety, earrings must be removed before any PE lesson.

Art

This term we will be focusing on colour, tone and shading. We will apply these skills to our creative curriculum topic by drawing sweets and designing chocolate packaging.

History

We will be looking at the Aztec culture. Our focus will be the achievements of the Aztec culture and how they developed and processed chocolate: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/aztecs>

Science

Linking to History, we will be using data collection skills to find out Year 4's chocolate preferences which will inform our design choices when creating our chocolate bars. We will then explore different states of matter to create our own chocolate bars: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqg87h/articles/zsgwwxs>

Computing

Each week we also work on the importance of e-safety, making sure we stay safe online and understand why it's important to follow e-safety rules.

PHSE / Wellbeing

This term we will be considering friendships and how we can make sure we are a kind and respectful friend. There are some useful clips and activities on: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy77hyc>

REMINDERS AND DATES

Monday 15th April – Term 5 starts

Wednesday 24th April – Tuesday 30th April – Travelling book fair

Tuesday 30th April – Cadburys World Trip

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May – End of Term 5

Monday 3rd June – Term 6 starts