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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you well and you have all had a lovely Christmas.

Year 4 had a fantastic Autumn term full of learning (and acting) and I would like to start by thanking you for your continued support and for all the work you do with your children at home. It really does make a difference.

Our topic for the Spring term is Chocolate. The driving question for our project being: "Is being bad ever good?" The children all thoroughly enjoyed their launch day... which may have involved eating a little chocolate!

Our literacy focus will be 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children will be learning about the genre: rags to riches and creating their own version of the story. They will also be researching famous chocolatiers and the countries they come from, whilst linking this to geographical features on maps and atlases. Year 4 will learn about living things and habitats related to different countries and make comparisons to the country in which they live. Linking to Design Technology, Art and Maths, the children will be designing their own chocolate bars, considering materials, ingredients and measurements and looking at various time zones.

As our Chocolate topic spans over 2 half terms, we will have a parent outcome on Wednesday 3rd April at 2:30pm. The children will share their work, projects and test you on your own chocolate knowledge too, but no cheating!!

I have set the children a home project related to our topic which is to be completed over the course of the term. I will send out an additional letter during the next week to explain this project in more detail.

PE will continue to be on a Thursday, so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (see school website) which is clearly labelled with their name. If your child has long hair, please provide them with a hair tie on this day and take all jewellery out.

Homework will be handed out on a Monday and is due in on the Friday of the same week. If you could record (in their reading record book) when you have read with your child at home (ideally 3 times per week) and continue to practise times table skills (including the inverse division fact), it would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Radcliffe and I are looking forward to another exciting and productive term!

Best Wishes,

Danielle Reilly