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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, I hope you have all had a wonderful Summer and wish you all a very warm welcome to Year 3! I feel so lucky to have such enthusiastic and kind children in my first class at Harwell. My name is Miss Bennett and I am very much looking forward to meeting you all.

We have started to learn our new routines and expectations for Year 3 and have started to build excitement for our delectable first topic '**Chocolate**'. The aim of this project is to build an understanding of how things grow and change, how things reproduce and how differences in views and beliefs can be embraced by all.

Our big question is: ***Is being bad ever good?***

In **literacy** this term, we will be writing a rags-to-riches story and a persuasive letter addressed to Mr Willy Wonka himself, whilst developing our grammar and punctuation which this term will include different word classes and sentence structures. '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' by Roald Dahl is our guided reading book for this term. In **maths**, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction.

Homework this term will begin on 6th September. On **Friday**, children will set multiplication tables to practise on Times Table Rockstars, a great program that allows the children to practise their times tables and develop fluency. Spellings on SpellingShed will be set each **Monday** and will be due the following **Monday** (paper copies can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on both their multiplications and spellings every Friday so it is in their interest to practise these. If you or your child ever want any support or resources to help with this please do not hesitate to ask.

We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you, a sibling or even a teddy bear. Please encourage reading for pleasure everywhere in every way you can. If you could record at least three of these in your child's reading record that would be greatly appreciated.

Swimming will take place on **Wednesday mornings** and PE will be on **Wednesday afternoons**.

Some points to remember:

- Please provide a swimming costume and hat
- No jewellery is permitted in the pool; so any earrings must be taken out
- If, for any reason, you wish for your child not to swim or take part in a PE lesson, please may we ask for a written note from you.

- On PE days, please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit (black shorts/trousers, plain white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls, all named and labelled). School jumpers and cardigans can be worn over their white t-shirts.
- To avoid lost kits, costumes, and hats can you please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.
- Please also ensure they bring water to school in a labelled bottle.

I am excited to announce that Year 3 will be taking a visit to see a real-life chocolate factory! We will be visiting **Cadbury World** in Birmingham on the **7th October** to learn about its history, the journey from bean to bar and the world of chocolate making. This will be a memorable experience for the children and there will be more information to follow shortly. We will require two adult helpers to come along on the trip, please could you let me or the office know if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you again for your support, we look forward to a busy and exciting term of learning! Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns or questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Bennett and the Year Three Team.