### Spring 1 Newsletter

#### **ENGLISH**

In Reading lessons, children will be introduced to their new class text, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. They will be answering different styles of questions as we progress through the book. Children will also be reading their Accelerated Reader book in school and at home. Please listen to your child read regularly and update their reading record.

During Writing lessons, children will be using the class text to inspire their writing. They will be writing narratives related to the text, as well as a newspaper report and will be designing and making their own chocolate bar to help them to produce a persuasive advert.

#### RE

In RE lessons, children will be learning about the importance of The Last Supper. We will be studying how Christians remember this important part of the Christian calendar. Also we will be studying a range of artwork and music developed by Christians related to this part of the Bible.

#### HISTORY

In History this term, we will be studying the Roman Invasion of Britain. We will be learning to understand why the Romans wanted to invade Britain. We will be studying what happened during the battles and the importance of Boudica to the Celts.

#### **PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will work through the topic 'My dreams and goals'. The children will focus on what they would like to achieve in the future. Children will be thinking about how to stay motivated, remain positive and how to focus on the task in hand even if it becomes complicated.

# Mr Fuidge **Class Teacher**

#### MUSIC

In Music this term, the children will be continuing learning how to play the ukulele. They will continue to have weekly lessons from a specialist music teacher and will continue to take their ukulele home to practice in preparation for a performance.

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#### **Design & Technology**

During Design and Technology lessons this term, children will be designing and making their own miniature greenhouses. They will be studying the history and importance of greenhouses before assessing a range of greenhouses already available. They will then design and produce their own.

## **Teaching Assistant**

Miss Lunn

SCIENCE

In Science lessons, children will be learning about 'States of Matter'. They will learn that everything is in a state of either solid, liquid or gas and will identify examples in their own environment. They will also learn that some materials can change state and return to previous states and others cannot.

#### MATHS

In Arithmetic lessons, children will be recognising and calculating with numbers to 2 decimal places. They will also be continuing their work on grid multiplication by building up to multiply a 2-digit number by a 2-digit number. Children will be learning to classify shapes before using the knowledge they have gained to draw the shapes through using coordinates on a grid. Children will also be expanding on their knowledge of fractions by calculating fractions of amounts. We will also be retrieving discrete and indiscrete data from tally charts as well as calculating the perimeter shapes.

#### COMPUTING

In Computing lessons, the children will learn how to become Music developers. They will be using the software 'Garage Band' by exploring how to use the application. The children will then go on to compose a range of music by a range of artists including ABBA. The children will then produce their own piece of music using Garage Band. They will finally have the opportunity to perform their music to others.

#### **INFORMATION**

PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesday, and the children should attend in full St Martin's PE kit on that day. Children will have ukulele lessons every Thursday and will be expected to bring their instrument to school. The children will also be taking part in swimming lessons at Bilston Leisure Centre every Thursday and need to bring appropriate swimwear and a towel on this day.

