“Everyone who works with children should do what is in the best interests of the child.”

Article 3 United Nations Rights of the Child

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope that you had a fabulous Christmas holiday and well deserved rest. We are both looking forward to the term ahead. Below is a brief outline of the work planned for this term. This plan will be adapted as the term progresses in order to meet the needs and interests of the children. Mrs. Hardisty will teach; English, Mathematics, PE, Music, French, Jigsaw, computing and some art and DT. Mrs Di Santo will continue to teach Science and Topic (History, Geography, DT and Art) on a Wednesday.

Science, Topic, RE, Art and Design & Technology might be taught in blocks, rather than one or two hours every week.

**Organisation –** Please can you ensure that your child has everything they need for school. **Can you also ensure that all uniform and equipment is named.** We no longer have a lost property box so items can only be returned if they are named.

Our topic this term is titled – Why is chocolate so tasty gorgeous? The science, history, geography, art, music, DT and some of the English will all include aspects relating to this topic.

In **English** the children will continue to cover the spelling program. Please continue to work on learning the weekly spellings that are sent home in their homework book. We will be continuing to work on handwriting using the Letter join resources and will also be working on punctuation and grammar with some specific, standalone lessons Please can you insist that capital letters, full stops and correct letter formation are used correctly at all times when your child is writing.

The children will continue to have daily reading sessions where they will complete a number of different activities including, independent reading, dictionary work, comprehensions, reciprocal reading and guided reading with a teacher. Please can you ensure that your child is reading every day for at the very least 15 minutes.

During this term we will be using Roald Dahl’s Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as the stimulus for our writing. We will continue to use the ‘Write Stuff’ approach for this, which enables the children to brainstorm, use models and then their own imagination to write different sentence types before having a go at extended pieces of writing. We will be concentrating on writing narratives, newspaper reports and persuasive letters and adverts linked to our topic.

In **Maths**we will be continuing with ‘Maths No Problem’ the topics we aim to cover this term are multiplication and division, time, fractions, decimals and percentages. Please help your child by reinforcing their knowledge of time by looking at clocks and watches and checking they can tell the time.

In **Science** we will be doing some work on States of Matter. This will look at the properties of solids, liquids and gases and some of the processes that help them change state.

Other **Chocolate related** **topic** will cover aspects of history, geography art and DT. We will be learning about the journey cocoa makes from seed to shops and the geography related to the growing and trade of the cocoa bean. This will include some work on Fairtrade. We will also be learning about some aspects of the Mayan Civilisation and their role in the history of the cocoa bean. Our design and technology will be food based as we will be designing and creating our own chocolate bars. Finally we will be using printing techniques in art to create the wrappers for our bars.

**Computing –** We will be learning about how technology creates art and working on coding using Lego WeDo and Scratch.

In **RE** we will be looking at Passover (Judaism), The 8-fold pathway (Buddism) and Easter (Christianity)

**PSHCE -** The Jigsaw topics this term are: ‘Dreams and Goals’ and ‘Healthy Me’. If you would like to know more about these topics please come in and ask to see them.

**PE** lessons this termwill still be on a **Tuesday and Friday** afternoon, children should come to school dressed in the correct PE kit on those days. On a Tuesday afternoon, we will be doing invasion games followed by gymnastics then dance on a Friday afternoon.

**French-** We will be learning about school subjects, time and clothing.

**Music** – To begin the term we will be focusing on the BBC Ten Pieces ‘ Carnival of the Animals’ which will include a trip to the Opera House to watch a live performance. After half term we will be continuing with the Charanga music scheme. We will begin by completing the unit on glockenspiels before working on some chocolate and sweets music. The children will have the opportunity to compose their own song on this topic as well as complete work on pitch, tempo, notation, practising and performing.

**Homework** – The majority of our homework will be to consolidate and practice key skills – reading, spelling and number facts.

Weekly homework will be:

• 15 minutes of reading each night (at least)

• Times table practise using Times Tables Rockstars

• Spelling practice – little ‘bursts’ several nights a week

There might also be some topic related homework - this will probably be researched or activity based and could be done independently or collaboratively with adults.

Your child has a home/school book and will be given a homework sheet each week with current spelling etc… on it. There will also be a space for parents to sign, so we know you have seen it.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR HOMEWORK BOOK IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY BUT DEFINITELY ON A MONDAY** so they can stick their homework in and write out their spellings.

**Dates for your diary**

Some dates for your diary:

* Friday 25th January – BBC Ten pieces concert 1–2pm (School uniform) Please email Mrs H if you can come to help.
* Monday 4th February 3:00 – 3.30 pm – book look
* Wednesday 20th March 1:00 – 3:00 pm - shared learning opportunity with Mrs. Di Santo
* Tuesday 26th March 3:00 – 3.30 pm – book look

Hopefully you will find this information helpful but if you have any further queries or would like to discuss any aspects in more detail, please feel free to pop in for a chat or email us at r.hardisty@trinity.sch.je and l.disanto@trinity.sch.je Additionally please let us know if there are any problems that we can help you or your child with.

Kind regards,

**Mrs. Hardisty and Mrs.Di Santo**