

# HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

## Kingfishers Class Newsletter, January 2017.



Welcome back and Happy New Year! This term our exciting new topic is **CHOCOLATE** which will give us lots of opportunities to learn through a range of topics and experiences.

In **Literacy** we will be reading the book *Grendel* by David Lucas which will lead us to learning about different sentence types (commands and questions), rules for politeness to help the character Grendel and predicting what three wishes Grendel will make as well as writing about what our own three wishes would be if we were asked. We will be comparing this book to the story of King Midas where everything he touches turns to gold. After half term we will be reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*!

In **Maths** this term we are learning how to tell the time on the hour, half past and quarter to and past looking at what time we do things in our daily routine. The children need lots of opportunity to learn this so please see the home learning time diary I have sent home for your child to complete with your support. Later in the term we will be returning to multiplication and division and after half term we will be working on fractions. Please could children access *Mathletics* from home to help improve their Maths fluency. Particularly important as many children tend to find time tricky!

In **Science** we will be working scientifically as we explore how different types of chocolate melts and compare methods of melting it. We will also be tasting and comparing different types of chocolate. In **Computing** we will be looking at the importance of staying safe online. We will also be using a search engine to find out information, writing some simple algorithms to give an end result and using a Beebot to follow a path. In **Geography** we will be learning about where chocolate comes from as well as how chocolate is made. In **History** we will be learning about the history of chocolate and ordering events on a time line.

In **PSHE** we will be learning about fair trade, the benefits to the grower and our role as consumer. We will also be discussing the importance of making healthy food choices and understanding that chocolate is a treat and should be eaten only occasionally. In **RE** we will be learning about the parables, in particular the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. After half term we will be learning the Easter story. In **Music** we will be exploring pitch and rhythm as well as learning some songs from the original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* musical. After half term we will be having a **DT** week when we will be designing and marketing our own chocolate bar! We are also hoping to organise a chocolate workshop based at Blackboys school towards the end of term 4. We will let you know dates as soon as we this has been arranged.

### Important things to remember

P.E will continue to be on Fridays (Class Teacher) and **Wednesdays** (Mark Potter). Spellings to practise daily will be sent home on Fridays for a test the following Friday. Please make sure your child has the following in school each day:

- Full PE kit.
- Spelling book
- water bottle.