



Birches Curriculum Overview – Autumn 2

English

Possible texts – The Chocolate Tree, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Chocolate Touch, non-fiction texts about the chocolate making process, biography – John Cadbury
Writing skills – expand writing using adverbs and adjectives. Use commas in a list. Use non-fiction features in writing. Writing instructions. Check writing makes sense.
Reading skills – meaning of new words, unusual spelling patterns and author's choice of vocabulary.
Individual phonics/spellings.
Handwriting practice and daily fine motor activities.

Music

Mayan musical instruments, Christmas songs.

Computing

The Internet and online safety



Science

Scientific enquiry/changes of state. Heating and cooling.

How to get involved at home

Encourage your child to read regularly (anything!) and record it in their reading record.
Practice spellings.
Encourage independence – dressing, organising belongings, simple cooking and using cutlery, tidying up.
Social skills – road safety, awareness of strangers, experiencing the outside world.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division, measuring and comparing mass, using coins and notes to make different amounts, adding, subtracting and giving change and answering questions using pictograms, block graphs and tables.

Art/Design and Technology

Design a chocolate bar/chocolate wrapper, Mayan art

History/Geography

The history of chocolate. John Cadbury
Where does chocolate come from?

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