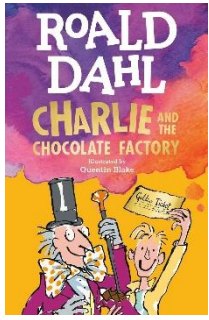


Dear Parents,



In Summer 1, Birch class will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl. This story is one of the most popular by the author and explores the themes of family, making good choices and the consequences of the choices we make and being imaginative.

We will be exploring the different interesting characters in the story and learn how to create our own character. We will use story to develop our writing skills in narrative writing. Please help your child by allowing them to read this story over the half-term. These can be found online or in most libraries.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory online story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj42U_ZduRs

Share a chapter of the story each day with your child and discuss the events in the story. Ask your child questions beginning with the words, 'who, what, where, when, why'.

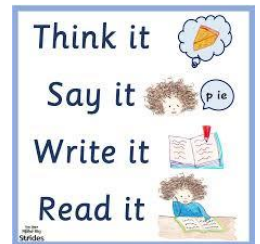
This term we will practice our fiction writing, focusing on using adjectives, expanding noun phrases to make our writing more exciting. We will develop our use of compound sentences through the use of coordinating conjunction and we will begin to practise complex sentences to advance our writing. Throughout the term we will be sharing different poetry and in the last week we will write our own verse for a poem.



We will use essential vocabulary and 'Colourful Semantic' (See image) sentence frames to support us in our writing.

Throughout the term, we will continue to develop our use of past and present tenses, time adverbs and punctuation in our writing through different activities. Please continue to read regularly with your child to build their vocabulary for speaking and writing.

When practicing **writing** at home, help your child to 'think' about what they want to write, 'say it', 'write it' and 'check it'.



Below, the website **BBC Bitesize** has many videos and activities to help develop **skills your child needs** to progress in English. Please speak to **Ms James** if you need further support with this:

Sentence writing:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx36g2p/articles/zsv64qt#zdx3khv>

Suffix and prefix:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/super movers/articles/zm2rhbk>

General grammar – conjunctions, tenses, punctuation:

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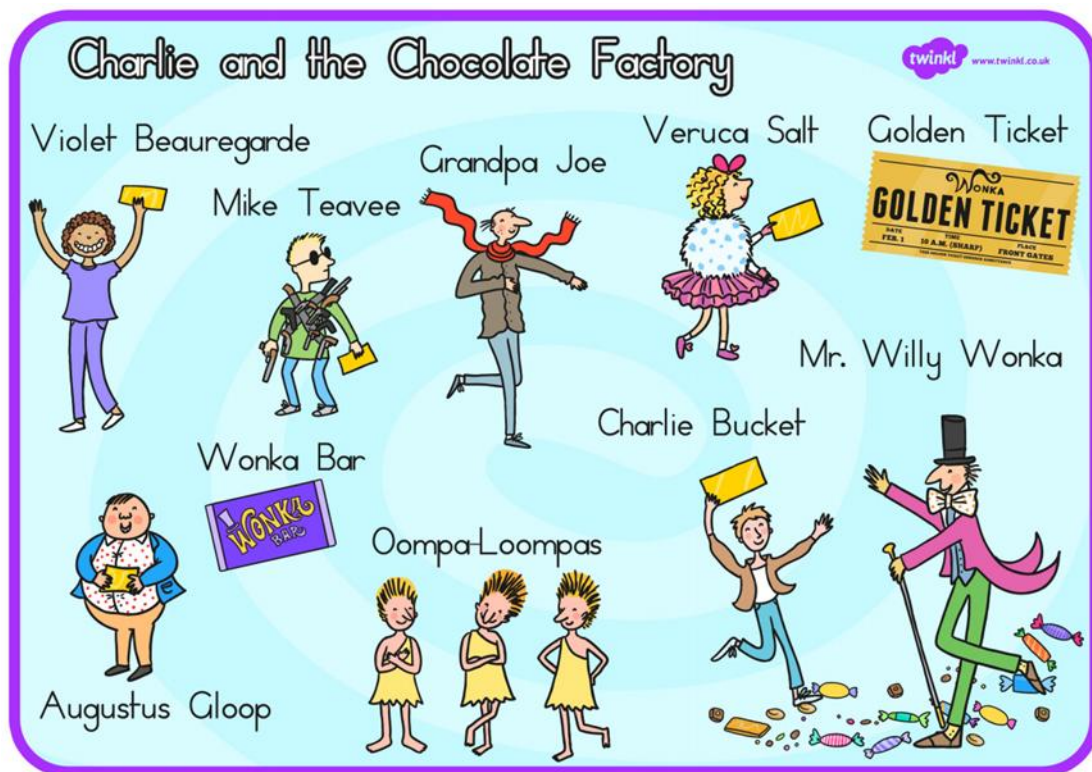
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Spelling and handwriting are a large part of writing so to build confidence with this, please help your child to practice their spelling and handwriting each day. Pupils will complete a long spelling test in the first week back to school and mini tests each week.

In class **reading** activities continues with us practicing our, retrieval, inferencing and predicting skills using various text types. Support you children to practice these reading skills while reading daily at home.

Get to know the characters in the story!



***To continue to develop a love of reading, you might want to read some more books by the author Roald Dahl:**



Many thanks,
Birch Class Team