



# Crystal Class News

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## **Welcome to Crystal Class:**

I would like to say a huge thank you for those parents who joined us in our walk to the church for our harvest festival. We all enjoyed a lovely service and a good sing-song. Next Friday afternoon, we are hoping to go on our berry walk when we shall be going berry-picking around Wickwar. Could I please request that the children bring in little plastic containers on the Friday so we can keep our berries safe on our walk. If any parent would like to join us on our berry-picking walk, you are more than welcome. Please let me know so I can give you further details.

## **Learning this week:**

Maths: This week, the children have really recognised the importance of showing your working out. Applying our partitioning columns, we have learnt to add and subtract 10s and 100s quickly and some have progressed to calculating this mentally. We have then applied this learning to our problem-solving, trying to use our methods in more challenging ways.



English: The children have been learning about jam sandwiches and how this applies to writing a compound sentence. The children compared simple and compound sentences and learnt how to accurately write a compound sentence using varied conjunctions. This skill was then applied to writing a description of the inside of the chocolate factory. Some children have even started to look at complex sentences though we will take our time to ensure we have compound and simple sentences

well and truly stuck in our heads. We have also recapped on our grammar and spellings from year 2.

### **Project: Where does our chocolate come from?**

This week, we have been looking at how chocolate spread across the world. The children have used their map skills to find the different countries on the map which featured on their timeline and we are now using this information to figure out why it took so long for Europe to discover chocolate. The children have been looking at the origin of the cocoa bean and how it was used through history.



### **Next Week:**

English: We will start looking at complex sentences as well as beginning to map our stories.

Maths: We will be continuing to look at addition methods.

Project: We will be looking at Fairtrade and beginning to investigate flowering plants as well as going on our berry walk.