



# Crystal Class News

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## **Welcome to Crystal Class:**

Well, it has been yet another wonderful week in Crystal class. The children are sinking their teeth into 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' projects.

English: In English, we have spent the week learning about the Character of 'Charlie Bucket'. From using the text, Crystal class has learnt about Charlie's family, his home-life and how he feels about his life. It was wonderful to see the children come to their own conclusions about Charlie, making links with the text. We then used our knowledge of Charlie and how he feels to write our own diaries. In preparation to write, the children spent a session, looking at how to use a WAGOLL. They marked my writing against the diary WAGOLL which allowed them to learn how to use the WAGOLL carefully as well as giving them an example of a diary.

Maths: This week's Maths has had a huge focus on the place value. Using our partitioning columns we have been identifying the value of digits within 3 and 4 digits number. We have learnt how to write numerical numbers in words and convert word numbers to digits. We have also learnt the skill of 'comparing and ordering' numbers which we then applied to solving problems in the chocolate factory. The squirrels and Oompa Loompas were in a pickle when comparing and ordering numbers and we needed to help them fix it.



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

We have been learning about 'chronology'. This started by sequencing our own lives into time order and we then looked at time lines. We then learnt about AD and BC and how a timeline changes between BC and AD. The children had great fun arrange themselves on the human timeline! This all helped so we could plot the history of chocolate and how it has changed which we did on Friday afternoon.

### Next Week:

English: Sentence structure and how we can make different sentences.

Maths: More problem-solving of place value, applying to measurement and money.

Project: Which countries do we get our chocolate ingredients from? We will also be looking at Fairtrade.