NORD ANGLIA
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SHANGHAI, PUDONG

Weekly Curriculum News

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Sunday 20th September - Family Picnic Day 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday 22nd September - Year 4 Football Day at Shanghai American School

Wednesday 23rd September - 4A and 4B school photos - please ensure students are dressed in the correct summer uniform.

Friday 25th September - 4C school photos - please ensure students are dressed in the correct summer uniform.

Friday 25th September - Settling in Reports will be issued

Saturday 26th September - Tuesday 6th October Chinese National Holiday

ENGLISH

This week all Year 4 classes have started to read "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. The focus in English next week will be on investigating how characters are presented with reference to the text.

Students will then be learning how to use conjunctions in sentences to expand them and give more detail to make them more interesting.

Continuing on from what we have covered this week students will be using synonyms for words to make writing more interesting.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics Year 4 will be continuing their learning of Additive Reasoning with a focus on solving problems. They will be learning how to make appropriate decisions about when to use their understanding of counting, place value and rounding for solving world problems which include addition and subtraction.

They will also continue to use estimation and inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.

Mastering in this area will involve looking at solving two-step problems in contexts and deciding which operations and methods to use.

TOPIC

This week we have been delving as Geographers into conditions experienced whilst working on cocoa farms; what cash crops are and comparing cocoa to other crops like coffee. We have also had a chance to learn about the Fair Trade Movement and how this affects the production of Chocolate.

As Historians, we have begun to look at the origins of Chocolate. Our focus will be on several key figures, namely Montezuma - an Aztec Emperor and Christopher Columbus and Herman Cortes - famous Spanish explorers. We will look at how they introduced the cacao tree to the western world and how the Dutch, English and French spread it into their colonies to become widespread throughout the world today.