



Year 3 Bears

We've had a great few terms in The Bears and have been enjoying themes of 'Metal Mayhem', 'Chocolate' and 'Extreme Earth'!

The children loved reading *The Iron Man* in Term 2 and exploring The Stone Age to Iron Age alongside. They were also fascinated with our Science topic involving forces and magnets and enjoyed making predictions and testing them out! Our highlight of the term had to be our Christmas production; we learned about how Christmas is celebrated around the world and performed on stage using drama, songs and dances to share our learning with an audience. We were incredibly proud of their achievements both individually and as a team!

Last term began with a visit to Sandgate Chocolatarium; entry was strictly by invitation only and the children were welcomed to blind taste, and rate according to taste and estimated expense, a selection of chocolates! It was great fun and an excellent way to inspire our learning. Throughout the term, we learned about how chocolate is made and where the all-important cacao pods grow. We also read Roald Dahl's '*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*' and planned and created PowerPoint presentations all about chocolate in our Computing sessions. Our swimming in Term 3 was a great success developing water confidence and stroke technique for all our children.

This term we are reading '*The Firework Maker's Daughter*' and have begun to explore natural disasters including volcanoes. Our Science has looked at rocks and how they are formed and we are planning some volcano cooking this term too! In Maths, we have learned formal methods for the four operations and are now applying these skills to problems involving money and measures and in our recent statistics learning.

It's been a fast and busy term and the children continue to shine! Well done Bears!

