

Big Talk Homework!

Chocolate!

Dear Parents,

Today in our Big Talk assembly the children have been finding out more about something which most of them love - chocolate! They have learnt about the history of chocolate and how it is made. They have seen pictures of the cocoa trees and their pods which contain the cocoa beans used to make chocolate. We have also done a little maths and looked at the percentage of cocoa in different types of chocolate.

Please spend 10 minutes talking with your child about the assembly. You may want to use the questions below as prompts to help to encourage your child to talk.

Remember we are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which will help them with their writing.

"If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

Mrs Wylie

- 1) **Who invented the first type of chocolate drink?** *(The Maya Indians found out they could roast cocoa beans and make a spicy drink called Chokolatl.)*
- 2) **Where do cocoa trees grow?** *(The cocoa tree needs a warm moist climate and grows in Central America and Africa.)*
- 3) **What part of the tree is used to make chocolate?** *(The tree produces pods (like enormous berries) inside the pods are the trees seeds known as cocoa beans. It is the beans that are used to make chocolate.)*
- 4) **Has dark chocolate got more or less cocoa solids in it than milk chocolate?** *(The darker the chocolate the more cocoa solids are in it. We held a taste test with chocolate with 30%, 60%, 70% and 85% chocolate!)*
- 5) **Can chocolate ever be good for you?** *(Cocoa solids contain lots of antioxidants - these are good for you! So a little dark chocolate can be good for you - but not lots of milk chocolate as this is high in fat and sugar!)*

