

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term; I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break.

This term our topic will be '**Ancient Greece.**' We will be looking at what life was like in Ancient Greece, the introduction of democracy and why the Spartans were such good warriors and so successful in war. We will also be comparing Greece then and now.

In **Literacy** we will be reading 'The Hedgehog' by Dick-King Smith. We will be writing non-chronological reports on Hedgehogs using features such as sub-headings, paragraphs and pictures. The children will be carrying out their own research and then learn how to organise information in different ways.

Please continue to encourage your children to read every night at home, questioning them about what they have read, in order to develop their understanding.

**Numeracy:** This term we will be working on written methods for addition and subtraction and becoming more confident in the recall of multiplication facts and the corresponding division facts. We will also be focussing on problem solving and encouraging the children to explain their mathematical responses by giving reasons to support their answers.

In **Science** we will be finishing off our topic on Animals including humans before starting our learning on '**Forces and Magnets.**' The children will be finding out about how magnets work and how to sort items based on their magnetic properties. We will also look at different forces and how items move along different surfaces.

**Religious Education:** In RE, we will be learning about Sikhism and finding out what is important to Sikhs. This will include looking at what Sikhs believe and how this impacts on their actions and daily life. The children will learn about the 5 Ks and the teaching of the Guru Granth Sahib.

**P.E:** Outdoor Games on Monday and Indoor PE on Tuesday.

**ICT:** This term we will learning about Online Safety – how to choose passwords and what we needs to do to keep them safe. We will also be creating and contributing to a class Blog – showing how we can share our ideas online in a safe and respectful way. We will then start looking at spreadsheets and how we can use them to record and sort data.

**Homework** will be sent out on a **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following **Monday**.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Kind regards  
Ms Jess Watson

