

Year 2 Term 2

Dolphins Class



Dear Parent/Carers and children

We hope you had a lovely break and that you and the children enjoyed their well-needed break. We are very excited about the wonderful learning we have planned for this term in Dolphin Class which will include a trip to Canterbury Cathedral and The Nativity.

Reading in Year 2...

I hope that many of you kept up reading in the break. We place a huge emphasis on reading daily in Year 2, helping the children to read fluently and begin to be able to infer from the text. If your child is a library reader, please make sure that they don't rush the book and that they really take their time understanding what they are reading. Please note that children will not be issued with a new book if they get less than 80% in the test. We will also have a focus on ensuring that the children read a variety of text types from the library, including non-fiction, fiction and poetry.

During the school week your child is reading in the class regularly, and, if possible, Mrs Holman, Ms Reay and I do try and read with them 1:1 as well. We are also grateful to have a few helpers throughout the week.

Please try to hear your child read for at least ten minutes **every night**; talk about the story and ask questions like 'what happens when...' and 'who are the characters...', 'what happens first..?' etc. This will help your child to make real progress.

This term

Topic - Our topic this term will be history based - '**Deal - Now and Then**' As part of this topic we will learn about the history of Deal and what it would have been like to have lived in Deal during the Victorian era. It will culminate in a Victorian Day at the end of Term.

Literacy - We will focus on a variety of genres including poetry, fiction and non-fiction. All of the books will be linked to our topic starting off with The Twits.

Maths - We will continue to use the Inspire maths programme working primarily this term on consolidating addition, subtraction and problem solving.

Science - We will be focussing on materials. They will explore the properties of materials, such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, through a variety of fun activities. They will begin to think about the purpose of familiar objects and why they are made out of particular materials.

RE - We will be looking at Incarnation this term, digging deeper and thinking about how Christmas matters to Christians.



General reminders:

- This term we will be doing football on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Mrs Holman, Ms Reay and Mr Greenhalgh will be taking the class on a Tuesday for Lighting the Candle, Grammar and Music.
- Your child may bring in a water bottle to keep in class. **Please ensure it is water and not squash.** This will be kept on a class trolley and can be accessed throughout the day. Please make sure it is clearly marked with your child's name.
- We shall keep you as informed as possible via the Parent Information noticeboard on the window - which will display menus / spellings lists and letters etc. Please note that homework has changed - look at the window.
- As the weather starts to turn, the children will be allowed to remove their shoes in class as they come in from break. This ensures that the carpet is kept clean for them to sit on. The floor is heated which means that they are warm at all times.

Thank you

Mrs Porteous, Mrs Holman & Ms Reay