

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Year 3!

This term our topic is **‘What was it like to be a miner?’** We will be researching local history and looking at a number of different sources to find out about mining in the local area. Please encourage the children to find out as much as possible for their homework this week as this will really help them when investigating this time in history. If you know anyone who was part of the local mining industry and would be willing to come into school and talk to the children about their experiences please do let me know.

Our **literacy** this term will be based around the books of Lynne Cherry. We will be reading the Great Kapok Tree and the Shaman’s Apprentice which both focus on the Amazon Rainforest. The children will be writing persuasively to get their point of view across and will then be using these models to create their own extended stories.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at home every night and sign their reading record so we can keep track of where they are.

**Numeracy:** This term we will be measuring length, capacity and mass accurately as well as adding, subtracting and comparing different measurements. We will also be doing some work on statistics – collecting, analysing and asking and answering questions about data.

In **Science** we will be starting our learning on **‘Plants.’** The children will be finding out about what plants need to grow and survive and will be carrying out investigations to look at the functions of different parts of the plant and the life cycle of flowering plants.

**Religious Education:** In RE, we will be thinking about living a Christian life and discussing the values that we hold in different areas and why they are important to us.

**P.E:** Outdoor games on Monday afternoon and indoor PE with Miss Cronin on Tuesday morning. Please ensure that full P.E. kit, including trainers and tracksuit for outdoor games, is in school each day. Please check that all clothing is appropriately labelled too – we get a lot of ‘lost property’, which cannot be returned to the owner if it is not named.

**ICT:** This term we will be finishing our own films using ‘Movie Maker,’ learning to upload different files and how to edit our digital media.

**Homework** will usually be sent out on a **Wednesday** and should be returned by the following **Monday**. Each week there will be Literacy and Numeracy activities.

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

