

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you so much for your support with the children's homework – it looks amazing! We can report that pupils in Year 4 have made an excellent start and have settled well. The class will be supported by Mrs Clugston as the Teaching Assistant.



This half term we will be studying:

Topic: 'The Romans'

We will be examining what it was like to live in Roman Britain. We will consider who the Romans were, what the Romans did for us, what life was like in Roman Britain including the Roman army and who Boudicca was.

English

We will be looking at stories in familiar settings, fables, poetry, instructions and explanation texts. We will emphasise the need to use a range of punctuation (including: commas, exclamation marks, brackets and ellipses); paragraphs and complex and descriptive sentences in their writing. Please encourage your child with their writing and to read at home for at least 15 minutes daily as part of their homework; questioning them to check that they have understood what they have read. There will be daily spelling and SPAG lessons. Reading records will be checked daily to ensure children are reading regularly. Please sign your child's record book each day. Children who do not complete their reading at home will be asked to complete it at lunchtime the next day. Many thanks for your support in advance.

Mathematics

We will be starting the year with a focus on developing a 'Growth Mindset'. Encouraging a "Growth Mindset" lets children know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When children have a growth mindset, they do well with challenges and do better in school overall. For more information about 'Growth Mindset' visit the website: <https://www.youcubed.org/6-ways-support-childs-mathematical-development/>

This term we will be learning about Number (Place Value; Addition and Subtraction; Multiplication and Division) and Measurement (Length and Perimeter). We will continue to develop our fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills. Please support your child with his/her calculation skills and continue to encourage your child to learn the key addition facts and times tables facts.

Times Tables

Children should already know and be fluent in the following times tables: x2, x3, x4, x5, x9, x10.

This year, we will be learning our x6, x7, x8, x11 and x12 tables

By the end of the Year children in Year 4 should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.

Science

As part of our topic on 'Sound', pupils will be learning how to:

- Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- Recognise that vibrations from a sound travel through a medium to the ear.
- Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
- Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it.
- Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.

RE

This term we will be studying Christianity and discussing what Christians learn from the Creation story. We will be talking about what questions we have about the story of creation and what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today.



Computer Science

This term we will be learning coding and how to using a computer programme called 'Scratch' to create a simple programme using a short sequences of instructions. The computer programme 'Scratch' is available to download FREE onto home computers. (This is not compulsory but you and your child may wish to explore at home.) For more information about 'Scratch' visit the website <https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/>

WildBeach

The children will participate in six 'WildBeach' sessions, using Deal Beach, every Tuesday, starting 11th September until 16th October 2018. There will be two groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each session will last 2 hours and the sessions are free of charge. A letter was sent out at the end of year 3 with details of the sessions and permission slips have already been collected. A reminder of what the children will need to bring will be sent out later.

Spelling

This term we will be learning:

Wk 1 Suffixes	Wk 4 ou words
Wk 2 suffixes 2	Wk 5 prefixes - dis
Wk 3 y endings	Wk 6 prefixes – mis

Homework

Monday: Homework due in.

Thursday: Homework sent home with new spellings for following week

Friday: Spelling test

P.E.

Thursday: Indoor PE – Gymnastics

Wednesday: Outdoor PE - Netball

Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed for PE.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note to let me know, otherwise we will expect a child to take part.

We would like to remind children that jewellery (other than a wristwatch) and nail varnish are not permitted. Please ensure that all items of uniform including coats and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates to remember:

11 September – Y4 Meet the Teacher 4-4:30pm

18 October – Last day of Term

19 October INSET DAY (Staff Training Day – no children in school)

29 October - Return to school

Should any playground/friendship issues arise; it is important that the class teachers are informed first, by the children. Information can be more accurately shared, situations closely monitored and solutions more enduring if class teachers are the first 'port of call'.

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do come and see us if you have any queries or concerns about your child this term. We look forward to meeting you and working with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Debra Cluff, Mrs Dawn Theaker and Mrs Clugston

