

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a good half term. The children have settled well and have made a good start to the new term.

This half term we will be studying:

## Topic: 'Norman Culture and Castles'

We will be studying the Norman invasion and its impact on British society. We will be learning about why the Normans built so many castles; who William the Conqueror was; why the date 1066 is important; what the Domesday Book is and how Britain changed as a result of the Norman conquest.

## English

We will be looking at Recounts; Non-chronological Reports; Persuasive writing Poems and Kennings. We will be learning about verbs; adjectives; adverbs; apostrophes in possessives and plurals; prepositions and use of clauses with a wider range of connectives. We will also be focusing on the need to use a range of punctuation (including: commas, exclamation marks, brackets, and apostrophes 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.

Year 4 will participate in the **DLA Poetry Festival** with children from other local schools - further information to follow.

## Mathematics

This term we will be learning about fractions, decimals and measurement (Area) whilst continuing to develop our fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Please support your child with his/her calculation skills and continue to encourage your child to learn the key addition facts, times tables facts and with learning to tell the time.

## Times Tables

Children should continue to practise their 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.

## RE

This term we will be learning about Christianity and Easter. We will learn about Life of a Vicar, Shrove Tuesday, Lent, Temptation and Easter.

## Science

Our next Science topic is on 'Animals including Humans'. Pupils will be learning how to:



- Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

### Computer

This term our topic is 'We are HTML Editors'. HTML is a 'real world' markup language used to create web pages. This unit introduces basic concepts, such as how to use HTML to add paragraphs, images and headings to web pages. In this unit, the children will be learning how to understand some technical aspects of how the internet makes the web possible and understand some of the risks in using the web.

### Spelling

This term we will continue to learn our high frequency words, prefixes and suffixes eg sion, tion, ous, cian, ch, gue, que, ei, eigh.

### Homework

Monday: Homework due in. New spellings sent home.

Thursday: Homework sent home.

Friday: Spelling test

### P.E.

Tuesday: Outdoor PE – Football

Wednesday: Indoor PE – Handball

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

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit, inc. tracksuit/jogging bottoms, a jumper/sweatshirt and suitable footwear. School shoes are not permitted for PE lessons. If for any reason, your child is not able to take part in PE please send a note to let me know, otherwise I will expect a child to take part.

I 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:

Thursday 29 March – Last day of Term

Friday 30 March – Good Friday

We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead. Please do come and see us at the end of the day if you have any queries or concerns about your child this term. We look forward to continuing to work together this year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Debra Cluff, Mrs Dawn Theaker and Miss Collister

