

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Narwhals class and a new school year. The children have all settled back in really well and are enthusiastic about all the challenges and exciting events that being in Year 5 brings. Thank you also for the wonderful holiday homework which is to be displayed in the corridor.

Our main topic this term is the ancient **Mayans and chocolate** and we will be using this as a theme for work in many subjects. If you have any relevant resources please do send them in. In **Science** we will be looking at changes of materials and our **RE** topic looks at the question 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?'

The children will be given **homework** on a regular basis - usually out on a Wednesday and due back by the following Monday. Homework will usually be Maths, spellings and another task. Learning to complete and return homework on time is an important skill so to encourage this they will have the opportunity to earn a termly *virtual* '**Homework Pass**'. This means that they are excused from their homework for a chosen week. However, only children that have a 100% record at giving in homework on time will retain this privilege and it will be forfeited if they don't bring it in. I hope this will encourage the children to plan their time efficiently.

Regular Reading is vital to the children's progress over the course of the year and I would ask that you support and encourage your child to read every day. Mrs Collister will continue to monitor this by checking reading records on a daily basis. If you have any comments then do put them in the Reading Record. They can be reading either their school reading book or one from home. If they do read a book at home please encourage them to bring it to school when they have finished it, so that they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz on the book.

Our **P.E.** sessions this first term will be on a Monday and a Friday. Monday will be a games session and Friday will be indoor PE. Your child will require full P.E. kit in school, which for games sessions can include a tracksuit and trainers. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. session, please could you send an email or note or I shall expect them to take part.

On Tuesday 11th September there will be 'Meet the Teacher' in the classroom. The meeting will begin at 3.30, and is expected to last no longer than half an hour.

I look forward to a busy, successful and fun year with your child and hope that, with your support, all the children will enjoy learning and will make great progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Collister at the end of the day, email me at bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk or contact the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Bowles, Mrs J Collister and Mrs A Magnay

