

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that you had an enjoyable half term and are ready to start this busy term leading up to Christmas.

Numeracy: We will continue to focus on written methods of calculation before moving onto fractions. Regular practise is essential to develop and retain efficient methods so I will be setting regular arithmetic questions as part of their homework. Times table knowledge is also essential, so please support your child in continuing to learn these.

Science: Electricity, then moving onto Light.

Religious Education: We have a new RE curriculum that will enable the children to develop their thinking and reasoning skills; this term's focus will be: 'Gospel: What Would Jesus do?'. We will also be beginning work on the 'Lighting the Candle' project; more details on this will follow.

P.E: Netball & Dance - timetabled for Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, but please ensure that full P.E. kit, including trainers for outdoor games, is in school each day. Please ensure 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.

As before, it is expected that children **read** every evening. Reading is an important skill and as such there is an increased focus on this within school at the moment. Pupils will be asked to read to an adult on a regular basis so it is essential that books and records are in school **every day**.

For your information, we have booked **Bikeability** instructors to come into school after Easter. The course is designed for pupils to learn about road safety and how to travel by bike in traffic. They begin on the playground refreshing stage 1 (which I believe some completed in year 4) and then, when ready, ride on the local roads. All year 6 pupils are invited to take part, whether they took part in year 4 or not, but to participate they will need to be able to ride and have their own roadworthy bike and cycle helmet. We have booked for two groups of up to 12 pupils. If all 29 pupils wish to participate then we would try to arrange a further group, but this would be subject to availability. More details will follow nearer the time, but I am mindful that some may look to replacing bikes around this time of year so thought that this may be timely information!

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Bowles and Ms N Pettitt

