

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 – it is going to be a busy term with our Residential to Kingswood and lots more going on!

In maths, we will look at **fractions, decimals and percentages** before moving on to algebra and measurement. Regular arithmetic practice will also be done as it is vital that children maintain their speed and accuracy. Please could you encourage your children to continue to use Timestable Rockstars at home.

For our literacy learning this term, we will use a short film to write in the genre of **mystery/horror**. We will be concentrating on using short sentences for tension, figurative language to create imagery and writing in dual perspective.

In **Science**, our topic is **Living Things and their Habitat**. We will be learning about how to classify living things and the children will be able to design their own creature to classify. They will also have the opportunity to go exploring for other living things to sort and classify using the Linnaean System.

In our history lessons this term, we will be learning about **Ancient Greece**. We will be looking at what life was like in Ancient Greece, the introduction of democracy and why the Spartans were such good warriors and so successful in war. We will also be learning about the start of the Olympic Games.

Our learning for RE will be **Judaism** and our topic question will be 'What does it mean to be Jewish in Britain today?' The children will be making connections between Jewish practice, teachings from the Torah and their beliefs about God. They will also learn about Jewish festivals and describe how they impact Jewish people today.

In computing, we will be focussing our learning on **3D modelling**. By the end of the unit, children will understand how to add and modify 3D shapes in a software program. They will then plan and create their own 3D model.

Our online safety learning this term will be on the topic of **online bullying**. This strand explores bullying and other online aggression and how technology impacts those issues. It offers strategies for effective reporting and intervention.

This term's PSHE topic is **Healthy Me**. In this unit, children will be thinking carefully about how they can take responsibility for their health and make choices that benefit their health and well-being.

Our PE lesson will take place on Tuesday afternoons this term – we will be doing **circuit training**.

Please find attached spelling patterns and Year 5 & 6 statutory words for this term. We will practise these daily in school but children will also need to revisit at home in time for spelling tests on Monday. Please continue to ensure that your child reads regularly at home and is recording their progress in reading records.



Homework will continue to be set on Wednesdays and will be due in the following Monday.

Our key topic vocabulary for this term is as follows:

RE	Science	History
Torah	Classification	Athens
Shema	Characteristics	Sparta
Synagogue	Organism	Olympic Games
Ark	Micro-organism	Democracy
Tallit	Vertebrates	Empire
Kippah	Invertebrates	Civilisation
Rabbi	Flowering/Non-flowering	Legacy
Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur	Linnaean	City state
Pesach	Amphibian	Trade

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Jess Watson, Tricia Blackman & Simon Earl

Important Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 6th March - SRE consultation for Year 5 & 6 parents in year 6 classroom

Wednesday 13th March & Thursday 14th March – Parents Evenings

Sunday 17th – Wednesday 20th March – Year 6 Residential at Kingswood.

Thursday 21st March - Safety in Action event in Folkestone (more details to follow)

