

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Frida Kahlo class and a new school year. The children have all settled well and are enthusiastic about all the challenges and exciting events that being in Year 5 brings.

**Numeracy:** We will be focusing on the essential number and place value skills before moving onto written methods of calculation. Times table knowledge is essential, and we will be having regular practise on this in class. Please support your child in continuing to learn, practise and retain these.

Our **English** work will be focusing on developing our writing skills. We will be exploring writing in a range of genres, including information texts and narrative, and will be using our Science topic of Space as an inspiration for this.

Our **Science** topic this term will be **Earth and Space**. We will be describing the movement of the planets and our moon in the solar system and how day and night occur. In **Geography** we will be investigating the question **'How do volcanoes affect the lives of people on Hiemaey?'** Hiemaey is an island in Iceland and we will be recapping our knowledge of volcanoes and how living by one affects daily lives. In **PSHE**, the topic is called **'Being Me in My World'**. It will cover choices, rights and responsibilities and making positive choices to help others. In **Computing Science** we will be looking at systems and our **Safer Internet** topic will be about self-image and identity: how people can change who they are online and how our online identity can be both positive and negative.

**Religious Education:** The Understanding Christianity unit **'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?'** will be our RE focus. This looks at Christian ideas of what God is like and how this is reflected in worship, churches and in daily life.

**The key vocabulary for Maths, Geography, Science and RE this term is included at the end of the letter.**

**PE:** This term we will have PE on **Mondays**. Some pupils will be having further swimming sessions whilst the others have outdoor games. You will have been contacted if your child has swimming – please make sure that they have swim kit in on a Monday. Everyone should come to school dressed in full PE kit, with warmer clothing in case of cold weather. If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. session, please could you send an email or note or we shall expect them to take part.

## **Brain Buddies**

Our class will be working with a team of NHS practitioners to discuss emotional health this term. They will be visiting on Thursday afternoons to work with the pupils.

**Homework:** As well as daily reading and spelling practice, the children will be given **homework** on a regular basis. This will cover topics already taught in class and the aim is to help consolidate and revise rather than introduce new learning. Homework is usually given out on a Wednesday and due back by the following Monday and will generally be Maths and another task. I have attached a list of this term's spellings with this letter. These will be handed out on a Monday to be tested on the following Monday.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above, or any other matter concerning your child, please do not hesitate in emailing me at [bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk](mailto:bowlesm@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk). There is a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting next Thursday where you may ask any further questions. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely, Mrs M Bowles, Miss J Collister and Mr Taylor-Mew



### Key vocabulary for this term

#### Maths

digit	Place holder	millions
thousands	Ten thousands	Hundred thousands
numeral	Place value	partition

#### Geography

volcano	archipelago	Physical Geography
Human Geography	landscape	climate
Pacific Ring of Fire	Tectonic plates	processing

#### Science

solar	sphere	rotate
orbit	axis	phase
lunar	planet	Copernicus

#### RE

omnipotent	omniscient	eternal
holy	loving	spirit
worship	Gospel	sin

