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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Our topics and timetables change again after half term for this busy lead up to Christmas. A particular change is Forest School as our outside activity – this will be on a Wednesday.

Numeracy: We will be building on our written method skills from last term and moving onto multiplication and division. We will also be starting work on fractions, which is quite a significant block in Year 5. The class have been working hard on their times tables recall last term and we will continue to do this. 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. Some of our writing will be inspired by the book 'Hidden Figures', which looks at the true story of NASA's African-American female mathematicians who played a crucial role in America's space program. This also forms part of our work for Black History this term; we will also be learning about Walter Tull who was the first black outfield professional football player in this country and the first black officer in the British Army. He was born locally and is one of the names commemorated on Dover's Town Memorial.

In **Science** we will be looking at forces. This includes gravity and how resistance such as air and water resistance affects the way that things move. In **History** we will be investigating the question 'Why did Britain once rule the largest empire the world has ever seen?'. This will look at what an empire is and how empires through history compare. We will then focus on the growth and fall of The British Empire.

In **PSHE**, the topic is called 'Celebrating Difference'. It will look at celebrating difference in societies and how to identify bullying and racism. In **Computing Science** we will be finishing looking at systems before moving onto video production. Our **Safer Internet** topic will be about online relationships: different forms of online communication and the benefits and drawbacks associated with this form of communication.

Religious Education: We will be continuing to follow the Understanding Christianity units and this term's focus will be: 'Incarnation: was Jesus the Messiah? This looks at what people were looking for in a Messiah and why Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.

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

PE: This term we will have PE on **Wednesday**. Some pupils will be having three weeks of Forest School whilst the others have outdoor games. These groups will then change so that every pupil has three weeks of Forest School. An after school Forest School club, running for the full six weeks, is also available and a Parent mail with details and how to sign up has been sent. Forest School will go ahead no matter what the weather, so warm and waterproof clothing is a good idea. Hats, gloves and boots can also be useful.

Brain Buddies

Our class will continue to 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. Thank you for your support.

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

Key vocabulary for this term

Maths

factor	Composite number	Common factor
multiple	Square number	Common multiple
Prime number	Cube number	Equivalent fraction

History

empire	industrialised	Falkland Islands
Slave labour	independence	colonise
territory	Commonwealth	Margaret Thatcher

Science

lever	Newtons	gravity
friction	Air resistance	mass
Newton meter	Surface area	upthrust

RE

Messiah	anointed	Christmas
saviour	scriptures	descendant
prophecy	prophet	incarnation

