

# Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 4!

Our **Geography** focus this term is **Fair trade: why is fair trade fair?** We will be looking at global trade before comparing the lives of banana farmers who receive a fair price for their crop to those who do not. Our **English** work this term will continue to explore writing in a range of genres, including persuasive writing, narrative and information texts.

Our **Science** topic continues with **Properties and changes of materials**. We will dissolve, filter and evaporate materials to test and investigate properties and also look at reversible and irreversible changes. As well as Science week later in the term, when we will be taking part in the exciting activities planned by Mrs Hodgson, our class will also be taking part in a rocket building challenge! We will be participating in an online project to build and launch a cardboard rocket. This is run by the RAF and will lead into the pupils entering a competition where they design their own sustainable aircraft of the future.

In **Computing Science** we will be looking at flat-file databases and our **Safer Internet** topic will be about online reputation. This includes making judgements about people from their online presence and online bullying.

In **PSHE**, the topic is called 'Healthy Me'. It will look at how smoking and alcohol can affect health and ways to keep healthy, including having a healthy body image.

## **Numeracy:**

Last term, we worked hard to develop our written methods of calculation for multiplication and division. We use the standard written method. 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; don't forget TT Rockstars as a fun way to practise. This term we will be continuing our work on fractions, which includes finding fractions of amounts, before moving onto decimals and percentages.

**Religious Education:** The Understanding Christianity unit '**What did Jesus do to save human beings?**' will be our RE focus, looking at the death and resurrection of Jesus in the build up to Easter.

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

**PE:** This term, we have indoor PE on a Monday and outdoor on a Wednesday. PE kit should be worn on both of these days.

**Homework:** I will continue to hand out homework on a Wednesday to be in by the following Monday. **Spellings and times tables** practise also continue to be important; new spellings are given out on a Monday – I have attached this term's spellings with this letter. Please also continue to encourage your child to **read** at home for at least 15 minutes daily.

Thank you for your continued support this year.



Yours sincerely,

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

Key vocabulary for this term

Maths

integer	percentage	tenths
decimal	numerator	hundredths
Decimal place	denominator	thousandths

Geography

merchant	Container ship	consumer
trade	import	International trade
commodity	export	Co-operative

Science

soluble	permeable	thermal
reversible	dissolve	conductor
irreversible	solution	insulator

RE

symbol	sacrifice	resurrection
Lord's Supper	Holy Communion	Eucharist
salvation	kingdom	symbolism

