



Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

CLASS R NEWSLETTER



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Term 2

The Turtles have had a super term and the children have enjoyed learning lots of new skills! They now know how to recognise numbers to 5 and find 1 more and 1 less, and they are much more confident at using their phonic knowledge to read and write simple words.

In our Topic work, we have loved learning about different celebrations around the world including: Bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance and Christmas. Most of all, the children loved learning the songs for the Christmas Nativity and performing to their friends at school and grown-ups at home.

Mrs Tomkinson, Mrs Cassingena and Miss Haves are so proud of the progress the children have made this term. They always try their best and have produced some amazing work.

We are looking forward to another term in the Turtles Class!

As always, please see our class 'Termly Curriculum Overview' to see what your child will be learning about.

Homework

Homework is set weekly and is focused around the 7 Areas of Learning, within the Early Years Foundation Stage.



Homework is sent home on a Friday and should be completed and returned to school by Wednesday the following week. Homework will be checked and stamped in school. If children are regularly completing their homework to a high standard to go above and beyond with a piece of homework, they may receive a Homework Certificate to celebrate their hard work!

P.E.

In P.E. this term, the children in Class R have been learning Gymnastics. They have been learning new skills including different stretches, rolls and positions.



Next term, the children will be learning Ball Skills and Dance.

Children are expected to wear their P.E. kit into school on a **Thursday**. P.E. kit must consist of a white or house coloured t-shirt, black or blue leggings/tracksuit bottoms/shorts and trainers or plimsols.

It is important that the children have the correct P.E. kit so they are able to take part in P.E. lessons safely and effectively. **Earrings must be removed before school on P.E. days.**

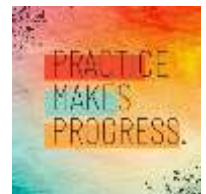


Reading

Classes R, 1 and 2

The children bring home two books each week, to read at home.

- A Success for All Phonics reading scheme book
- A 'reading for pleasure' book



Books will go home every Friday and need to be returned with the purple reading record every **Wednesday**. The children work hard in their phonics reading sessions using their reading scheme book each week. Please read for 5 – 10 minutes daily to help your child practise their reading skills. Please record this in the purple book every time you read at home.

The children should be reading for 5 – 10 minutes every day to ensure they are getting the practice they need to develop their reading skills further.

Contact



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Super Learning in Class R!



Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Tomkinson.