



# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

## CLASS 1 NEWSLETTER



### Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



### Term 2

This term our topic has been '**Great Explorers**'. The children have explored the lives and achievements of Christopher Columbus, Matthew Henson and Neil Armstrong. They asked questions about Neil Armstrong and researched the answers to find out he was the first man to walk on the moon, they even made him a rocket. The children ordered the events of Christopher Columbus' voyage and drew out the boat he travelled in.

The children have enjoyed learning actions and creating a story map for 'The Way Back Home'. We designed our own planet for the boy to land on and used adjectives to describe it. The children then wrote their own imaginative stories.

We have had fun exploring addition and subtraction, the children have worked hard to find fact families and know their number bonds to 10. We have used different methods to add and subtract including part-whole models, tens frames, bead strings and number lines.

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

### Homework



**Homework is set on a Friday and please can it be returned by the following Wednesday.**

It will either be a Literacy, Maths or Topic challenge based on the week's learning in class.

We really enjoy seeing the work the children have completed at home.

### P.E.

We have P.E. on a **Monday** and on a **Tuesday** with the Sports Coach.



The children need to have their P.E. kits in school which should consist of a white t-shirt, or a t-shirt in their house colour, a pair of black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of plimsols.

Please let me know if there are any problems with providing a P.E. kit.

This term the children have been learning Gymnastics and been learning different rolls and floor work, they have also using the equipment to travel in a variety of ways.

## 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



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.**



## Super Learning in Class 1!



### Contact



Please feel free to contact by email - I will always endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

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Mrs Austin**