

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School Learning for life with God as our guide CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER



Our Christian Values Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance











Term 2

Term 2 has been a fulfilling and busy Autumn term, filled with exhilarating learning and activities! In Maths, in our Addition and Subtraction unit of learning, we embraced the challenge of adding or subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers especially across a 100!

We immersed ourselves in the Stone Age era through our English text 'Stone Age Boy' and with utmost fascination and pleasure through our topic lessons.

We have conducted varied scientific enquiries in our 'Forces and Magnets' topic. We had great interest in setting up our comparative test to determine which magnet was the strongest, and our findings have motivated us to find out more...

Finally, but not least, we are most thrilled about the Christmas preparations:
Our Pantomime trip was an extremely joyful day! We also love rehearsing our Christmas Songs in preparation for our Carol Concert at St Mary's church and for our public performance at St James' retail park.

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



Homework

Homework is given on a Friday and children are expected to return their completed tasks to school on Wednesday the following week.

Homework consists of a times table, weekly spellings, grammar, reading and handwriting tasks. For every task completed, 1 house point will be awarded! Children who regularly complete the homework tasks will receive a special certificate to celebrate their hard work and perseverance.



P.E.

Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Please ensure that your child has the following items for P.E. lessons:

- A drawstring containing a P.E. kit.
- P.E. kit consists of a pair of trainers or plimsolls.
- A white t-shirt, or t-shirt matching your child's house colour.
- A pair of black or blue P.E. shorts.

You may also wish to provide your child with a jumper and tracksuit bottoms for colder weather.

This term children have enjoyed exploring and perfecting their gymnastic skills:

They have particularly made lovely progress in improving the quality of their basic floor rolls. They have consolidated their understanding of flexibility and how this is applied to rolls. Puffins have collaborated successfully through working in pairs when performing a roll sequence.

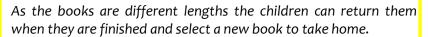
We have some exciting P.E. learning in Term 3:

In **Hockey** children will continue to collaborate in a team play. They will develop their skills in moving with the ball, building their understanding and confidence in dribbling, and keeping possession of the ball.

In **Dance** children will have further opportunity to develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance. Class 3 will perform dances using a range of movement patterns; and compare their performances with previous ones, demonstrating improvement to achieve their personal best.

Reading

The children in Key Stage 2 are all given a reading book that is matched to their Accelerated Reader level. We assess this termly and adjust the choice of books accordingly.



Alongside their reading book they have a purple reading record that is for you to record everytime your child reads at home.



Books will continue to go home every Friday and need to be returned with the purple reading record every **Wednesday.**

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

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

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Please look out for updates and follow us on our social media sites:



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Super Learning in Class 3!

HISTORY

Cave wall painting for our History art part!

Recreating our own version of a Stone Age settlement, inspired by Skara Brae, Orkney.









Exploring the Bronze Age: creating our own clay pottery, in the style used by the 'Bell Beaker' people.



Performing scientific enquiries...

Forces and Magnets





Art Exploring prehistoric art

Exploring paint pigments with Natural ingredients









