



Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

CLASS 4 NEWSLETTER



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Term 2

What an amazing and busy start to the year we have had! We have travelled back in time to the Shang dynasty era, in Topic, learning about what life was like and examining ancient artefacts. We even created our own oracle bones, following the divination ceremony of the Shang kings, to predict the future. In Science, we explored our digestive system and teeth. We carried out a revolting egg shell experiment to test the affects different drinks have on our teeth, we created our own replica teeth model from playdough and we examined the function of saliva by over chewing bread. The children have built structures from marshmallows and cocktail sticks, to then progress onto designing and making their own pavilions, in DT. Year 4 were privileged to have had violin lessons this term, despite a few unforeseen cancellations; we will be continuing these lessons into the new year.

We have had so much fun performing our class assembly, raising monies for various charities, celebrating 'Black History Month', discussing important issues within anti-bullying week and participating in all of the wonderful Christmas festivities.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all next year! Merry Christmas Penguins! 😊

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

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and needs to be completed by the following Wednesday.

There will be 5 tasks, English, Maths and other, as well as reading practice.

If you have any queries about homework, do not hesitate to contact us for support. We fully appreciate your support with homework as it supports your child's learning massively.

Any outstanding pieces and outstanding effort shown to complete homework is appreciated and acknowledged; the children will be awarded a 'Homework Certificate'. They also have the opportunity to earn house points for each task completed.



P.E.

Penguins Class has PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays (with the Sports Coach, Dale Harrison) afternoons. Please ensure your child has a PE t-shirt, shorts and plimsoles/trainers in a named drawstring bag at school; this will remain in their locker during the term. Please ensure earrings are removed on these days, and long hair must be tied back. During the colder months, your child can wear black/navy sports trousers and jumpers. Please ensure each item of clothing is NAMED.

Next term, the children will be exploring hockey and dance.



Reading

Classes 3 - 6

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.



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 4!



Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Fagg.