



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 4 - 2023

The Turtles have had a super term and the children have enjoyed learning lots of new skills!

They can now use their phonic knowledge to read and write simple sentences. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers 9 & 10 and have used a variety of manipulatives to explore the composition of each number. We have also learnt the names of different 3D shapes and enjoyed making our own 3D models.

In our Topic work, we have loved learning about Spring weather, what plants need to grow, different minibeasts and the names of different fruits and vegetables.

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 FANTASTIC work.

We are super excited for 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 PE this term, the children in Class R our focus has been multi skills. They have taken part in different challenges including various running/obstacle games and working together to improve team performance.

Next term, the children will begin practising activities for Sports Day.

Children are expected to wear their PE kit into school on a Thursday. PE 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 PE kit so they are able to take part in PE lessons safely and effectively. Earrings must be removed before school on PE 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**