



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 4 – 2023

This term, the topic has been '**Kings, Queens and Castles**'. As well as visiting Dover Castle, we have discovered more about our new king and compared his life to a king from the past – Henry VIII (including all of the gory details!). In Science, we have found out about and observed different elements of the weather, which has helped to develop our understanding of seasonal changes.

We have studied 3 texts in English lessons – the traditional story of Goldilocks, a rainbow poem and an information book about different roles in a castle. We have also been working hard on our phonics and reading using the 'Success for All' scheme.

In Mathematics, we have challenged ourselves by working with numbers to 50 – thinking carefully about the tens and the ones. We have also had fun investigating length, mass and capacity and have been introduced to the standard units of length.



Homework

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

It will either be an English, 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 **Wednesday**.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

This will take place in school at the beginning of Term 6. We are working very hard to prepare for this and are enjoying lots of games and other activities to help us in this area. Your child has a sound-mat in their blue homework book. It would be useful if you could go through this with them on a regular basis at home too – we are sure they will impress you with their rhymes and actions!

If you have any questions about this or any element of your child's learning and/or well-being, don't hesitate to let me know.



Contact

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

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Super Learning in Class 1!



**Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Morris**