



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 4 - 2023

What an amazing and busy start to 2023! We have travelled back in time to the Roman era, in Topic, learning about what life was like and why they invaded Britain. We created our own Roman pottery and used Roman patterns to decorate. In Science, we explored 'States of Matter' and 'Electricity'. We carried out various experiments changing solids into liquids as well as liquids into solids and gases; we learnt the scientific terms for the processes. We have also created our own electrical circuits. The children have designed and built their own slingshot car; they have learnt about mechanisms and how to create a car that is aerodynamic, in DT. Year 4 were privileged to have had violin lessons again, despite a few unforeseen cancellations again due to illness; we will be continuing these lessons next term.

We have had so much fun learning a range of skills during PE, from winter sports dance sessions to gymnastics, and more recently tennis and basketball. We also had an amazing day at Dover Castle, immersing ourselves into local history.

Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all next term! Happy Easter! ☺

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 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. As the books are different lengths the children can return them when they are finished and select a new book to take home.



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

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

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Super Learning in Class 4!



Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Fagg & Mrs Buchanan