



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 - 2023

What an amazing and busy start to the academic year we have had! This term, we have travelled back in time to the Shang dynasty era, in Topic, learning about what life was like and examining ancient artefacts. We drew our very own (impressive) Chinese Dragons, painted beautiful cherry blossom pictures and even created our own oracle bones from clay, following the divination ceremony of the Shang kings, to predict the future. In Science, we have explored our local environment. We have learnt the names of some plants and trees and sorted them looking closely at their characteristics. We have sorted animals into their group types: reptiles, amphibians, mammals, fish and birds. We have recognised positive and negative changes to the local environment. In Design and Technology, the children enjoyed building structures using marshmallows and cocktail sticks. We applied this learning to then build our own pavilion and added cladding to our structures. Term 1 saw Mountains, Rivers and Coasts – understanding the water cycle as well as our digestive system and the vital role of our teeth. 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 for more fun and amazing learning in Penguins Class! 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 **Monday** and **Friday** (with the Sports Coaches, Dominic Castle and George Morris) 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.

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

Super Learning in Class 4!



Contact

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



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