

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

## CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER



### Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



### TERM 2 2023

It's been an incredibly busy term in Class 5! We have been swimming for two afternoons most weeks but have still managed to keep up with our learning in the other curriculum areas. We have enjoyed all of the texts we have explored together in English, especially the narrative poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. Maths has been a long (and sometimes challenging) journey into the world of fractions – we have all showed true resilience when mastering the tricky bits. In our History topic, we have produced some stunning art-work linked to our discoveries about the Maya.

Alongside all of this, Christmas happened! One of the highlights of the term was working with the artists from Future Foundry to produce star lanterns for the Dover Winter Light Up Parade. We really impressed our visitors as we worked sensibly and collaboratively to make the 3D structures.



#### Homework

Homework is set on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday.

Tasks are designed to extend and consolidate the themes covered in class. There will usually be a Maths or English challenge and another activity linked to our on-going topics.

Your support with this is much appreciated.

#### P.E.

Building on from our very successful swimming lessons, where everyone made great progress at their own level.



Next term we will be covering gymnastics and hockey. We have two PE lessons each week – one of which is taught by a sports coach. Our lessons will be on a Wednesday & Friday. For health and safety reasons, it is very important that your child has a suitable kit to change into for these activities.

### Reading

Reading continues to be a high priority in Upper Key Stage 2. The ability to read fluently and with sound understanding will give your child the best chance of achieving well when they move onto the secondary phase of their education. We ask children to continue to read regularly at home and reward them for doing so with raffle tickets for the end of term prize. In Class 5, pupils also have the opportunity to win 'spots for their fish' by completing and passing Accelerated Reading quizzes on the books they have tackled. When the children have gathered 6 'spots' they are given a book prize.

Please ensure that your child returns their signed, purple reading record on a Wednesday so that we can monitor this.

### Contact

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

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## Super Learning in Class 5



Thank you for your continued support  
Sarah Morris