



# 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 - 2024

What an amazing and busy start to 2024! We explored Ordnance Survey maps for our local area and we 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 gasses; we learnt the scientific terms for the processes. We 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. We also had a lot of fun raising awareness for different organisations; NSPCC Number Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day as well as Neurodiversity Day.

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 'Roman Day', immersing ourselves into 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 Monday and Friday (with the Sports Coach, Dominic Castle and George Morris) afternoons. Please ensure your child has a PE t-shirt, shorts and plimsols/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. Your child may wear black/navy sports trousers and jumpers. Please ensure each item of clothing is NAMED.

Next term, the children will be exploring tag rugby and athletics.



### 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 by email - I will always endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

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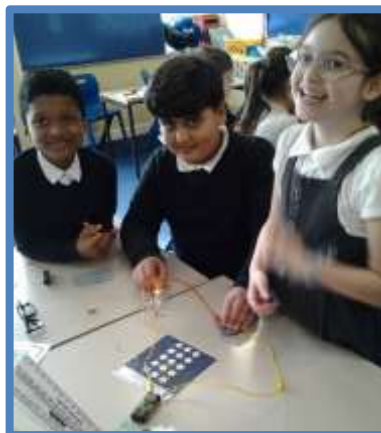
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## Super Learning in Class 4!



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