

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



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Since Christmas, we have continued to be busy and productive in Orcas class. As well as exploring our own topics and themes, we have engaged fully with all of the whole school events, such as Comic Relief and World Book Day. In English, we have continued to enjoy a wide range of texts and tales from different cultural traditions. The stories of Beowulf and Icarus were particularly popular, and we produced some pleasing writing when retelling and adapting these narratives. Fractions have featured heavily in our Maths learning again, and we have developed our understanding by linking our knowledge to decimals and percentages. The topic work has also been well-received and towards the end of this term we really immersed ourselves in the Viking world with our themed 'dress-up' day. We had fun making our helmets and cooking a traditional Viking dish (although not all of us enjoyed eating it!).



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.

Please encourage your children to complete these tasks, as it will help to develop independent learning habits.

P.E.

This term we have participated in tennis and dance lessons. Next term we will be covering rounders and athletics. We have two PE lessons each week - one on a Wednesday (sports coach) and one on a Friday (class teacher).

As the weather warms up, it is even more important to have a suitable kit to change into for hygiene reasons.



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