



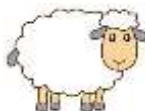
St Mary's CEP School, Dover
Learning for life with God as our guide
CLASS 1 NEWSLETTER



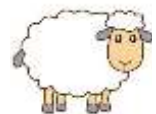
Our Christian Values
Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Term 1 & 2 December 2025



What a brilliant first two terms in the Starfish Class!



Well done to all the children in Year 1 for a super first school Nativity! 'Baarmy' Bethlehem was a great show and we loved rehearsing. We worked really hard to learn lines, remember all the song words and when to come on and off the stage. We hope you enjoyed coming to watch our show!

In English this term, the children have enjoyed learning how to write instructions. We learnt that verbs are 'doing' words and help us to understand how to make things. The children worked in pairs to follow the instructions for making a 'delicious honey sandwich'. They then wrote their own instructions following the sequence we had learnt.

We have had fun exploring addition and subtraction, the children have worked hard to find fact families and know their number bonds to 10. We have used different methods to add and subtract including part-whole models, tens frames, beads and number lines.

As always, please see our class 'Termly Curriculum Overview' to see what your child will be learning

Homework



Homework is set on a Friday and please can it be returned by the following Wednesday.

There will be a selection of activities for you to choose from. Please complete one each week.

We really enjoy seeing the work the children have completed at home.

Forest School

Our Forest school sessions in term 3 are on Friday 16th January (morning) and then Friday 6th February (afternoon). Please can the children have warm old clothes and preferably a pair of wellies. Forest school is muddy in the Winter months and a change of shoes is essential. Many thanks for your help with this.



P.E.

Lessons are on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon.



Children need to have their P.E. kits in school which should consist of a white t-shirt, or a t-shirt in their house colour, a pair of black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of plimsols.

This term the children have been learning to create a dance sequence featuring the theme of pirates and toys.

Reading

Classes R, 1 and 2

The children bring home two books each week, to read at home.

- A Success for All Phonics reading scheme book
- A 'reading for pleasure' book



Books will go home every Friday and need to be returned with the purple reading record every **Wednesday.**



The children work hard in their phonics reading sessions using their reading scheme book each week. Please read for 5 – 10 minutes daily to help your child practise their reading skills. **Please record this in the purple book every time you read at home.**

Super Learning in Class 1!



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**Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Wallis**