



St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

CLASS 5 NEWSLETTER



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Term 2 - 2025

It's been an incredibly busy term in Class 5! We have been swimming for two afternoons over 5 weeks for our P.E. learning, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We have loved all of the texts we have explored together in English, especially the narrative poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. Maths has been an engaging (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 explored the world of the Vikings – were they traders, raiders or more! A particular favourite subject was Earth and Space – we have some very curious scientists!

Alongside all of this, Christmas happened! One of the highlights of the term was the KS2 trip to the Panto at the Marlowe theatre, the Christingle Service and the Carol Service at St Mary's Church. It has been a busy, but enjoyable term for the Orcas class!



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.

Orcas Class has just completed their swimming lessons this term and will move onto Gymnastics next term. Please ensure your child has a PE t-shirt, shorts and 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. PE is part of the curriculum and is expected of ALL children to support their health, coordination and skills. In gymnastics, children will be required to be barefoot for safety. As an alternative, children are allowed to wear plimsolls (not trainers for safety reasons).



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

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Super Learning in Class 5!



Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Race