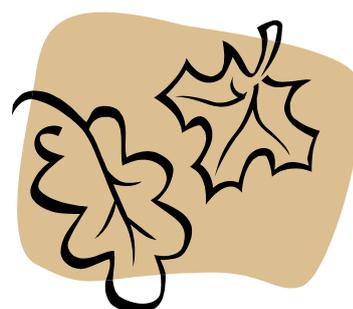




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**Bodle Street Class**

**Year 3 / 4**

**2020-2021**

Dear parent/guardian(s),

Can we first take this opportunity to welcome you back after the long break, which for some maybe over six months!

This term, is the first step on what promises to be another action packed, interesting and enjoyable year. We start the new year by focussing our new topic Explorers, which will take us on many adventures to places real and imagined.

Look out for letters detailing events as and when we are able to organise-due to current circumstances.

Firstly, let's take the opportunity to introduce you to the Bodle Street Team. Mr Tooze will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Mrs Dipple will be teaching Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Bartley is our fantastic classroom assistant and we are very lucky to have Mrs Best, who is volunteering on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The children will find this term hopefully enjoyable but hard work, we have a lot to cover and a lot to do, homework plays a vital role in this. Homework will continue, math will be set via Athletics each week and children will have a list of spellings each week. We will also send home a topic menu from which the children can choose activities to complete; this will allow the children an opportunity to be more creative. Homework is set to support, consolidate and extend the children's understanding and knowledge. If homework is a cause of tension within your household please do not force the children to do it, we will speak to them. Homework gives children the opportunity to extend their knowledge it should not cause family arguments! If anyone has any questions or concerns about the homework please feel free to contact us.

Please remember that the children should have a full PE kit in school all the time, the kit should all be named so it can be returned correctly. Children **will not be allowed to participate** in PE if they do not have a full kit; we have PE on a Tuesday. .

Just a quick reminder about reading, although we are now at the top end of the school, reading *still remains vitally important to all children*. Please try to encourage or hear your child read for 10 minutes per night. If you cannot hear them read please ask them questions not only about what they have read but what they think will happen. Please comment in their reading records about any problems or concerns.

We are excited about this year, it will be a tough but thoroughly enjoyable experience.

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or observations please do not hesitate to contact us, we are always available.

We hope you find this leaflet has been helpful.

Thank you for your support.

Mr. Tooze/Mrs Dipple and the Brightling team

## **Literacy**

In literacy we will be following Jane Considine's live lessons helping to develop children's story writing (helping writing recovery). The children will be writing a story about a dog named Winston. The session will be focused on building up the story in plot pieces focusing on the use of descriptive language and sentence structure. In the second term we will be using the text *Oliver and the Seawigs* by Phillip Reeve.

For the first term in French, we will link our learning to our explorer topic learning greetings, numbers and points of the compass.

## **Mathematics**

In mathematics we will be revisiting place value and rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and recognising their worth. We will spend the first term looking at and consolidating not only our understanding of place value. Learning our timetables will also be an important focus throughout the year. In the second term we will be looking at the methods we use for addition and subtraction.

## **Science**

Our science this term we are studying animals and humans. Exploring features of animals and sorting according to their characteristics. We will also be looking at how environments change and can sometime pose dangers to living things.

## **History/Geography**

This term history/geography is our main focus. Our topic will be Explorers and so we will be focussing on map skills in geography, looking at different parts of the world (naming continents and countries within them). We will also be studying different explorers, thinking about where and why they risked their lives to explore new parts of the world.

## **Music**

In music this term we will exploring different soundscapes linking in with our Explorer theme. Towards the end of term, as we near Christmas, we will be learning songs to be performed during the Nativity (Hopefully!). Bodle Street will continue with their ukulele lessons with Mrs Dipple every week.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE the children will be looking at themselves as they start new chapters in their lives. As we start a new term, what helps them learn, how can they support themselves and others and what targets can they set themselves. We will continue to develop the skills of a Growth Mind set.

## **PE**

This term the focus will be on invasion games. During sessions we will be focusing on how our bodies react before, during and after exercise. We will also be looking at muscle groups and which ones we use during certain activities. We will look at the importance of teamwork and tactics whilst developing our basic skills, balance and coordination.

## **RE**

Within RE, we will be looking at the Hindu faith- in particular the gods. Learning how they worship, how they celebrate their belief and listen to some of their colourful stories. In the second term we will be looking at Moses, the stories behind the person, the impact he had on Christians. We will also explore the traditions Christmas around the world of each festival and looking at the impact it has on the people in these faiths.

## **Computing**

In ICT the children will be looking at basic computing skills—based primarily in Word. We will also be looking at programming, using different programmes to improve our skills. After half term we will be focusing on e-safety and creating charts etc on a computer.

## **ART/DT**

In art we will be using mixed media to create a range of landscapes and seascapes linked to our topic. In the second half of the term the art will be linked to our book *Oliver and the Seawigs*.