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**Dallington Church of
England Primary
School
Autumn
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**Brightling Class
Year 5 / 6
2020-2021**

Dear Parents/guardians

Welcome back! It's been a very strange year for everyone and we are so impressed with how well the children have come back and settled into our 'new normal'. They've done some fantastic topic work already.

This year our team consists of:

Class teacher—Mrs Bloom (Mon—Weds)

- Miss Hickman-Smith (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching assistant—Mrs Langley

Our learning journey for this term is: **Explorers**

This topic takes a history focus and will look at the chronology of some significant explorers. We will find out about: their lives; where they've explored and how they pushed the boundaries of their time. The children will also use their geography skills to plot routes and locate countries travelled to.

The children will find this term hopefully enjoyable but hard work, we have a lot to cover and a lot to do. Year 5/6 is a big step up and the children have had a long break from classroom learning. As well as easing back into our routine, it's also our job to start to prepare them for their next big adventure at secondary school. Your support and help is invaluable to their learning and homework plays a vital role in this.

The weekly homework will be maths and spelling based and set online. There will also be some additional project based learning throughout the year.

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 **Friday**. P.E. is an important part of the curriculum and children and all children are expected to take part to the best of their ability.

We are both really excited to be back at Dallington and to have such a lovely group this year. It is set to be a challenging but thoroughly enjoyable year for us all.

If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bloom and Miss Hickman—Smith

English

In English we will be looking at narrative using books and films as a stimulus. We will be focusing on high quality sentence work and widening the children's vocabulary. It is really important that after the long break the children have an opportunity to recap the basics of grammar and writing and we'll be working on quality over quantity!

Presentation and handwriting are also a focus and we will be working on ensuring our handwriting is joined and neat.

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 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 and what they think will happen.

Mathematics

In mathematics we will be looking at number, addition and subtraction. The children will focus on composition and calculation of numbers from 1000, to working in 1,000,000 and beyond. They will also be learning about negative numbers by counting, comparing and calculating.

We will have a big focus on knowing number facts with rapid recall and ensuring the children are confident with their times tables facts.

Science

Our science this term will focus on electricity. We will be creating series circuits and exploring how to change the brightness of a bulb. Following this we will be looking at the solar system. We will be learning about the planets and their order. We will also be answering some of the children's own questions about our solar system.

Computing

As always e-safety remains a key priority and we will explore the importance of staying safe online. We aim to utilise technology across a range of curriculum areas and this term we will focus on using writing programs to publish our work.

Music

We will be exploring a range of percussion instruments and exploring how we can use notation to record our own compositions. Unfortunately, we cannot do any singing at the moment so at present we will not be able to sing or practise our usual Christmas songs.

PE

This term the focus will be on invasion games, including basketball and netball. We will explore these games looking at strategies, techniques and good practice. We will also look at how exercise can help us keep our heart and body healthy and how we can challenge ourselves to get fitter.

PSHE

In PSHE the children will be looking at the growth mind set, what makes a good learner, the importance of perseverance and resilience. In addition we will be recapping the school expectations of behaviour.

RE

Within RE the children will gain a knowledge and understanding about different religions, how they view social and moral issues and how we can use their teachings to make our own lives better. This term we will look at different beliefs about creation. After half term we will learn more about Islamic beliefs and art.

DT

Our focus in DT this term is mechanisms. The children have already made some amazing moving images using different mechanisms to show different modes of transport. This has linked to their science work and they have made elements of their designs light up too! They look brilliant!

Art

Our Art focus this term is painting we will explore different styles of painting and how different brushstrokes and thicknesses create different outcomes. We will look at and discuss art work that reflects our space theme after half term.

Modern Foreign Languages

In French Mrs Dipple will be looking at 'Around the World in 80 days' and teaching the children about different countries, animals from around the world and modes of transport.