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**Dallington Church of  
England Primary  
School  
Autumn  
2021**



**Brightling Class  
Year 5 / 6  
2021-2022**

Dear Parents/guardians

**Welcome back! After a really strange few years it has been so lovely to welcome the children back to a more normal school day and being able to see you all face to face on the playground each afternoon has made it feel much more like 'Dallington' again!**

This year our team consists of:

Class teacher—Mrs Bloom (Mon—Weds)

- Miss Hickman-Smith (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching assistant—Mrs Langley

Mrs Woods has been employed this year to support each class and allow teaching staff time to lead targeted interventions. She will be teaching in our class weekly.

Our learning journey for this term is **Time travellers**.

This topic takes a history focus. We are starting the year close to home by looking at our local area. The High Weald Heroes project are coming in to support us as we investigate and explore the natural heritage of the area and the way the land has been used in the past.

Following this we will look much further afield and discover more about the Mayan civilisation and compare this to our own lives now and the lives of people in Britain in around 250AD.

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, especially after the pandemic so we aim to support them in anyway that we can. If you have any queries please come and see us at the end of the day or contact Mrs CB to arrange a meeting.

This year homework will focus on the key skills of reading and times tables. Activities will be sent home to help you support with this.

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 have such a lovely group of children this year and can't wait to get started.

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. After half term we will explore some new and traditional Christmas stories and use them to inspire our work.

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 encourage your children to read and look for texts that they enjoy! This doesn't always have to be traditional books: magazines, graphic novels, non fiction or e-books are all still valuable and great practise.

## Mathematics

In mathematics we will be looking at decimals and understanding their place in the number system. We will learn how to order them and use them with calculations, including working with money. We will then look at fractions and explore different ways of calculating using them.

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

This term we will be focusing on Forces. We will explore and investigate the effect different forces such as air resistance, friction and water resistance have on objects.

After half term our focus will be light. We will look at how light travels and explore how shadows are created.

## Computing

During this term, children will be looking at e-safety, particularly how they conduct themselves in an online world. They will also be exploring using search tools and how these work as well as applying this in cross-curricular activities. Alongside this, we shall begin to look at how computers run using sequence, selection and repetition.

## Music

We will be exploring a range of percussion instruments and exploring how we can use notation to record our own compositions. After half term we will begin to learn and practise the Christmas songs for our carol concert and nativity. We are very excited to be able to take apart in these traditions again this year.

## 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 emotions and how these can change as we grow up. We will also think more about how the media and social media affect how people view and think about themselves.

## RE

Within RE the children will be focusing on Christianity. We will be looking at how Christian's view God as loving and holy and then after half term we will explore what Christian's believe about Jesus as the messiah. We will also place a focus on the Christian Values of the school and how we can use these to support us in our daily lives.

## DT

Our focus in DT this term is mechanisms. We will look at how levers and cams and explore how we can use them to make moving toys at Christmas. We will design, make and evaluate our own Christmas toys.

## Art

Our Art focus this term will be to look at art linking to our Topic. We will explore local artists and then have a go at reproducing their work and making it our own. We will use our sketch books to practise and refine our drawing and painting techniques.

## Modern Foreign Languages

Mrs Dipple leads our French. She will be helping us to learn about the French alphabet and time. We will also be holding an International Day with lots of fun activities involving languages. After half term we will learn about Christmas and write Christmas cards in French.