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Dallington Church of England Primary School Spring 2024



Brightling Class

Year 5 / 6

2023-24

Dear Parents/guardians

We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed some family time. The children have settled back into school really quickly and we've been impressed by their focus and attitude. There's lots to learn in this term and we can't wait to see what the children achieve.

This year our team consists of:

Class teacher—Mrs Bloom (Mon—Weds)

- Miss Hickman-Smith (Thurs-Fri)

Teaching assistant—Mrs Langley

Individual Needs Assitants—Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Smith

Our learning journey for this term is **Blue Planet**

This topic takes a geography and science focus. We have talked to the children about their interests and have included these within our plans for this term. We will be exploring the creatures of the sea, looking at where in the world they live, how they survive and how we can protect them. The children are keen to do some fundraising for ocean charities and they will take the lead on how we achieve this.

Our aim as a team is always to make school and learning as fun and enjoyable as possible. This term is always busy and sometimes challenging but there is also a really good mentality amongst the children that this is their time to shine and for year 6, it is their time to focus on the last few months at Dallington.

This term homework has officially started. The children all have log ins to Maths.com and Spag.com—they will be set homework on each of these to practise skills we have learned in class. There will also be SATs practise tests set through these for year 6.

Reading also remains important—please read with your children regularly and talk to them about what they've read.

PE is on a Thursday.

Please remember that the children should come to school wearing their PE kit. Children **will not be allowed to participate** in PE if they do not have a full kit. 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.

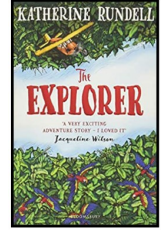
We can't wait for this new term and all the exciting learning that we have planned.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Bloom and Miss Hickman—Smith

English

In English we will be looking at adventure stories using the book The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. We will focus our non-fiction writing on non-chronological reports based on our topic learning. The children are also keen to link our Blue Planet topic into writing about mythical sea creatures



We have been so proud of how the children have improved their handwriting last term. Please encourage your children to continue to consider their presentation in all they do. If children have pens that they prefer to write in they may bring them in but we ask that they use blue or black ink and that the pens are not too large or distracting.

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 fractions, decimals and percentages. We will explore how these areas are linked and how we can use our knowledge to problem solve. We will also be focusing on our arithmetic practice and look towards finding efficient and speedy ways to solve these questions.

We continue to have a big focus on knowing number facts with rapid recall and ensuring the children are confident with their times tables facts. Having this recall is a huge benefit to them as they start to encounter more challenging maths. Please encourage your children to log in and play Times Table Rockstars every week or as often as possible.

Science

This term we will be focusing on Living things and their habitats. We will look at different living things and their life cycles. We will also look at different ways plants reproduce. After half term, we will extend this to find out about how the living world is classified. We will find out about the work of naturalist Carl Linnaeus.



Computing

During this term, the children will look at video production and creating short films. After half term, they will be finding out about spreadsheets.

Music

Excitingly, we have Mrs Dipple teaching us Music this term. She will be teaching us the ukulele and helping us to learn about tuned instruments and how to play individually and as a group.

PE

Nikki will continue to lead our PE this term. We will be working towards performing in the Big Dance—more details about this to follow. The children will also be playing team games, looking at different positions, tactics and working together.

RSHE (Relationship, Social and Health Education)

During this term. The children will learn the correct terms associated with gender identity and sexual orientation and the unacceptability of homophobic and transphobic bullying. The children will be able to identify and know ways to respond to bullying.

RE

Within RE the children will find out about Humanist beliefs and look at the similarities and differences between Christianity. After half term, we will think about the Easter story and the importance to Christians of their belief in what Jesus did to save human beings.

Art

Our focus this term is Painting. We will explore artists who use the sea as their inspiration and consider foreground, middle ground and background.



Modern Foreign Languages

Last term Mrs Dipple worked hard to find us some pen pals, who we wrote to in French. We hope to receive some letters back and continue this communication this term. We will be learning how to talk about where we live and music we like.