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**Dallington Church of  
England Primary  
School  
Autumn  
2024**



**Brightling Class  
Year 5 / 6  
2024-25**

Dear Parents/guardians

**Welcome back! It's been a fantastic start to the year already and we are really excited to have a great group of children. We welcome Mr Kirk to Brightling Class and look forward to him sharing all his fantastic knowledge and ideas.**

This year our team consists of:

Class teacher—Mrs Bloom (Mon—Tues)

- Mr Kirk (Weds-Fri)

Teaching assistant—Mrs Langley

Individual Needs Assitants—Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Smith

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

This topic takes a history focus. We will be focusing on the Anglo-Saxons and how they shaped the country we live in today. As well as considering our local history with the Battle of Hastings.

Through our geography we will look at human geography and how why people in the past settled in different locations.

Our aim as a team is always to make school and learning as fun and enjoyable as possible. We know that this last couple of years before secondary can sometimes be hard work but all we ask is that children come to school, ready to learn, with a positive attitude and a willingness to try.

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

**PE is on a Thursday.**

Please remember that the children should come in to school on Thursdays in full 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 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 Mr Kirk

## English

In English we will be linking our learning to our Science topic of Space and writing narrative and non-fiction about Mars and Space travel. We will consider the use of vocabulary to create tension and explore how grammar can change the meaning of a sentence.

Presentation and handwriting are always 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.

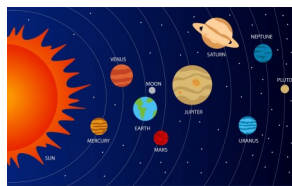
## Mathematics

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. 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 are learning about Space. We will explore Earth and the other planets in the solar system. We will find out about Earth's movement in relation to the sun and how this affects day and night.



## Computing

During this term, we are looking at Sharing Information. We will consider the information we share online and how to keep safe as well as learning how digital systems share information and how these support our lives.

After half term, we will be looking at variables in games and trying to code our own simple games.

## Music

This term we will be looking at music from other countries and using instruments to create our own compositions. We will also be starting to learn our Christmas songs very soon and preparing for our Christmas performances - details to follow nearer the time.

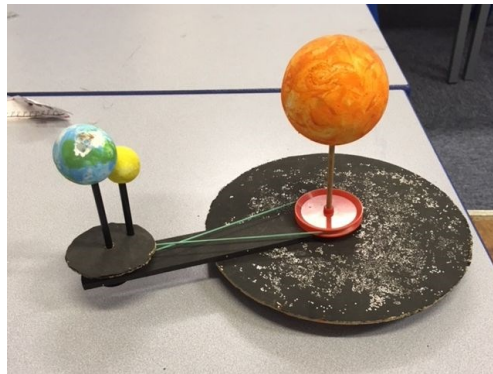
PE  
This term Nikki will be joining us again to lead our PE. She will be doing a range of activities to get the children moving, including gymnastics and team games.

RSHE (Relationship, Social and Health Education)

In RSHE the children will be looking at emotions and feelings 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 look at different beliefs about the Creation story. After half term we will explore how people's faith helps them when things get hard.

DT  
Our focus in DT this term is mechanisms. We will be creating our own moving Orrery's - models of the solar system - and considering different ways we can get them to move.



Art  
Our Artist focus this term is Andy Warhol. We will be learning skills about print making and creating our own printing tiles.



Modern Foreign Languages

This term we will be linking our Science work to our learning in French. The children will learn the different names of the planets as well as some bigger numbers so they can describe their size and colour.