



Dove Class Newsletter: Term 2

Dear Parents / Carers

During this second term back at school, our termly topic will be entitled **Which Way to Go?** We will be thinking about the usefulness of maps, how we can find our way around in the world and how we can approach tricky challenges.

<p>In English, we will be focusing on the books <i>The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark</i> by Jill Tomlinson, <i>Way Back Home</i> by Oliver Jeffers and the traditional tale of <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>. We will use these to develop our descriptions and retelling of stories using the past tense.</p>	<p>Our maths learning will focus on strategies for addition and subtraction. We will use money to support our learning and will also be exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. * Children can use their <i>Times Tables Rockstars</i> logins to access a great new website, <i>Numbots</i>.</p>	<p>In science, we will be learning about light and dark. We will investigate different sources of light and how shadows are made. We also explore how light travels and is reflected.</p>
<p>In art, design & technology, we will be creating moving pictures using slider and wheel mechanisms. We will also explore mixing and using light and dark tones in our painting.</p>	<p>Our geography focus will be the using maps to find our way! We will learn about where we live in relation to the rest of the UK and the world.</p>	<p>Our PSHE learning will be focusing on how we stay safe and how we can treat one another with respect, even if we don't see eye to eye.</p>
<p>There will be two PE* lessons every week, one of which will be basketball delivered by <i>Superstars</i> each Monday, the other being taught by myself each Friday.</p>	<p>Our RE lessons this term will focus on Christianity and the question: "Why does Christmas matter to Christians?"</p>	<p>In music, we will be focusing on singing practice for our Nativity play, 'Baboushka'.</p>

* May I take the opportunity to remind you that PE kits (trainers, white t-shirt, black or blue shorts/skort) are required to be in school at all times.

On Thursday afternoons, the class will be taught science and handwriting by Mrs Pitts. In handwriting, the children will learn correct letter formation and begin working towards joining.

Weekly home learning will be set each Friday and will be expected to be submitted by the following Wednesday. In addition to weekly home learning tasks, each term children are encouraged to complete two home learning activities from the termly planner.

Spelling lists will also come home each Friday and it is expected that children will practice their spellings at least three times to prepare for their weekly challenge each Wednesday. We also ask that children read a minimum of three times a week at home and do some form of mental maths learning.

Your support at home with your children's learning is invaluable.

Kind regards

Mr Richards