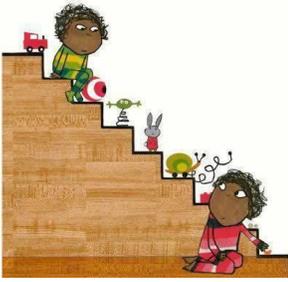


## Dove Class Newsletter: Term 1



Dear Parents / Carers,

During this first term back at school, our termly topic will be entitled **Family Album**. We will be thinking about ourselves and our families, how we grow and change and how we record and communicate special moments and memories in our lives.

<p>In <b>English</b>, we will be focusing on the books <i>The New Small Person</i> by Lauren Child and <i>Once there were Giants</i> by Martin Waddell. We will use these to write extended descriptive sentences and to sequence events using different sentence starters.</p>	<p>Our <b>maths</b> learning will focus on our understanding of number and place value, how we represent numbers in different ways and develop increasingly efficient counting and adding strategies. We will begin to work on speedy recall of essential number facts.</p>	<p>In <b>science</b>, we will be learning about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. We will classify different kinds of animal babies and learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals.</p>
<p>In <b>art, design &amp; technology</b>, we will be creating self-portraits and studying the work of Andy Warhol in order to create pop-art-inspired portraits using software.</p>	<p>Our <b>history</b> focus will be the changes in technology that people have used over time to communicate and record images and sound.</p>	<p>Our <b>PSHE</b> learning will be focusing on creating a happy school environment and collectively creating rules for our classroom.</p>
<p>There will be two <b>PE*</b> lessons every week, one of which will be multi-skills delivered by <i>Superstars</i> each Monday, the other will be gymnastics taught by myself each Friday.</p>	<p>Our <b>RE</b> lessons this term will focus on Christianity and the question: "Is it possible to be kind to everybody?"</p>	<p>In <b>music</b>, we will be using our topic to focus on creating music about ourselves using vocal expression and body percussion.</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 test each Wednesday. We also ask that children read a minimum of three times a week at home.

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

Kind regards

Mr Richards