

Dempsey Class Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely and restful half term! I would like to inform you of the curriculum content your child will be studying, as well as the day to day routines and procedures.

English and Maths

As I am sure you are aware, your child takes part in English and Maths lessons every day. To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables/division facts **every day**. Regular mental calculation practice e.g. adding up items whilst shopping; time – duration as well as telling the time and answering sums are all important in supporting your child's confidence with mental calculation. In addition to this, your child has a maths target card with individual targets designed to help extend and improve their mathematical skills and confidence. Please support your child by working through all of their targets on a regular basis and encouraging them to utilise the online Mathematics revision programme at home using their personal log in to give them access to maths revision activities specifically set by myself to support your child's learning in mathematics.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure you listen to them reading aloud and question them on the text that they are reading **daily**. We recommend that every child should be reading for at least 30 minutes at home every day.

Science

In science this half term your child will be studying 'Evolution and Inheritance' as part of our continued work upon 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Your child will learn: to recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago; to recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents; to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

RE

In our new RE topic this half term - Common Good - your child will learn to understand the difference between fairness and justice for the good of all, learning about the work which Christians do for the common good of all around the world. They will learn that Jesus gave Christians a new way of living through the Beatitudes which teach us how to live justly and that Christians should continue the work of Jesus reflecting the common good in everything we do.

Geography

In our geography topic during the second half of the summer term your child will be studying the geography of the United Kingdom exploring: the countries, counties, towns and cities; physical features such as mountains, rivers, coasts and seas; population; climate and culture. Your child will also have the opportunity to compare the geography of the UK with the geography of countries and continents from around the world.

DT

In Design Technology, and as part of our whole school project for Healthy Eating Week (WC. 11th June), your child will be focusing on food and nutrition. In this unit they will look at how our bodies need a balanced diet to work properly. Good health involves drinking enough water and eating the right amount of items from the four main food groups. Your child will be involved with planning a 'Great British Menu' with a focus upon biscuits, and undertake activities with increasing independence by: following a simple recipe; finding and pricing ingredients; using different kitchen utensils. At all points the children will be made aware of the importance of hygiene and safety when cooking and using different equipment.

Computing

In computing this half term, your child will learn to plan the creation of a mobile phone app as part of team with their peers. They will begin by learning about the capabilities of smartphones; thinking of a problem that a tablet app could solve linked to the field of education and then pitch their idea for their app to a panel of judges. Throughout this topic your child will also learn about the importance of online safety.

MFL (French)

This term your child will continue to learn French following the Catherine Cheater French Schemes of Work. They will continue to identify and practise individual sounds in a word, progressing to blend sounds to create whole words. They will learn masculine and feminine nouns such as pencil case items.

Your child will also take part in multi-cultural and language awareness activities. In order to give pupils the opportunity to experience lots of French language and culture, events such as the Bastille Day and Le Tour de France will be explored and celebrated across the school.

PSHE

During the summer term your child will prepare for our exciting school journey trip to the Isle of Wight on Monday 18th June and their transition from primary to secondary school.

It's important to us that our Year 6 children feel confident about their move to secondary school. We provide a wide range of transition activities to enable your child to feel prepared and excited about this next chapter! These transition activities included our trip to Aylesford on Wednesday 23rd May, our leavers' assembly on Tuesday 10th July at 9:10am and our leavers' Mass on Wednesday 18th July at 4:30pm. We endeavour to meet the children's spiritual, emotional and physical needs in these sessions as well as having some fun! *Remember to record the dates, more information to follow.*

PE

Your child has P.E. every **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have their full **Indoor** and **Outdoor PE kits** for all lessons. As it is the summer term your child will be focusing on Outdoor games including preparation for the Annual Sports Day!

Furthermore, your child will continue to develop their striking skills in cricket. They will learn and develop sport skills such as: throwing and catching, striking a ball, bowling, fielding skills and tactical awareness. Your child will develop their speed, accuracy and throwing skills for height or distance based on the discipline being improved. They will learn how to listen to and give coaching points, and help to improve others around them understanding why this is important in all sports. Your child will also take part in a series of outdoor adventure activities to support the development of their team building and problem solving skills.

In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions, every other half term, with our sports coach David Dines on **Friday**. The other half term they will continue to participate in music sessions with Mr Dixon.

Finally, it would be greatly appreciated if you could ensure that your child brings their school water bottle into school every day, with their name clearly marked on it. If your child does not have a school water bottle, they are available from the school office for £1.50. Please ensure any money that is sent into school is enclosed in a school money pocket and detailed with the necessary information. Money pockets can be purchased from the school reception also.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me after school.

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