

**Literacy**

In Literacy we are learning how to write warning stories, write a biography about Claude Monet and a persuasive leaflet about France.

Although we read regularly with your child in guided reading and daily Sounds-Write sessions, it is important that you encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home.

Dover Castle class have made a fantastic start to the Buster’s Book Club read on Wednesday initiative. Please remember to sign your child’s Book Club card on Wednesday and send the reading record book in on Thursday to be checked. Year 3 have a target of 15 minutes reading and Year 4 are aiming to complete at least 20 minutes. The reading record book needs to be signed to count!

**Topic**

This term our topic will begin with the famous artist Claude Monet; we will then move onto learning all about France- the country Monet grew up in. We are going to have a French day on 26th November where we will learn some French, try French food, make French food, look and recreate famous French landmarks and look at the climate in different parts of France. We would like the children to dress up in the colours of the French flag; red, white and blue.

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing break. The children have been working really hard and are making good progress. If yourself or your child are having any worries or concerns with anything at school or home please come and talk to myself, Mrs Capell or Mrs Harris.

**Autumn Term 2**

**Dover Class Newsletter**

**Dates for the diary**

12.09.18- Swimming begins

24.09.18- Meet the teacher parents evening (come and talk to us if you want to know how well your child is settling into the class or if you have any concerns)



**Homework**

Homework will be given every Friday and should be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest. Please encourage your child to complete all the homework in their homework book however, if they are struggling please come and see me so I can help. If your child is unable to complete their homework please let me know. Mrs Britton also runs homework club, which is every Monday lunch time, for those who need support.



**Dates for the Diary**

**9.11.18-** Choir performing at Dover Marine Station

**23.11.18-** Choir performing at St Margaret’s Christmas Tree Festival

**26.11.18-** French day

**27.11.18-** Spelling Bee Final

**29.11.18**- Flu vaccinations

**29.11.18-** Class assembly 2:30pm

**30.11.18**- Pantomime at Marlowe Theatre 10:30am

**3.12.18**- Learning and Progress Meetings 2:30-6:30pm

**18.12.18**- End of term achievement assembly 9:00am

**19.11.18**- Christingle service 1:30pm

**19.11.18-** End of term 2

**4.1.19-** Beginning of term 3

**PE**

This term our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Every Monday the children will have PE with coach Becci where they will be developing their hockey skills. This term, as the weather turns a little colder, please send your child in with dark coloured jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt so that they are warm in lessons. We will also be going swimming every Wednesday at Dover Sports Centre. Our last swimming session is Wednesday 5th December.

**Mathematics and Mathemagician**

This term in Mathematics the children will be learning the following:

* To recall multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12
* To multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number
* To solve problems involving missing number problems, using number facts, place value, addition and subtraction
* To add and subtract fractions with the same denominator
* To recognise and write equivalent decimals and fractions
* To round decimals with 1 decimal place to the nearest whole number

Every week the children complete Mathemagician, they have 5 minutes to answer 50 questions. If they receive 90% or more for three consecutive weeks, they move onto the next level. We have seen a big improvement in the children’s Mathemagician scores so please continue to encourage your child to learn the times tables relevant to their Mathemagician level.

* **Bronze** – 2s 5s 10s
* **Silver –** 2s 3s 4s 5s and 10s
* **Gold** – 2s 3s 4s 5s 6s 7s 8s 9s 10s 11s and 12s
* **Platinum** – All of the above, plus the associated division facts and use of decimals