

# Deal Castle Class

January 2019

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope you had a good Christmas and a relaxing break. It is lovely to have all the children back and to hear all about their Christmases. We look forward to lots of learning this term!

## Numeracy

This term we will be introducing division in numeracy sessions. Here is an example of what your child will be doing...

**How many groups of 3 are there in 15?  
Stress that can be drawn in either way:**

X X X  
X X X  
X X X  
X X X  
X X X

X X X X X  
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We will also be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add, subtract and multiply
- To use money

## Projects

This term we will be learning all about 'Colour.' The focus will be art and we will be looking at the work of Mark Rothko.

We plan to:

- Mix colours
- Recreate Mark Rothko's paintings
- Find out about the life of Mark Rothko and write reports
- Find out about Russia and locate it on a map



## Science Week

We have had a fantastic week. The children have made bath bombs, marshmallow catapults, lava lamps and volcanos! There are lots of ideas of science activities to try at home on YouTube -hooplakidzlab.

We were also lucky enough to watch a science show where we learned all about explosions.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Astill who came and ran a session.



## Literacy

We will continue to teach the majority of our Literacy through the class projects. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using these as starting points for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

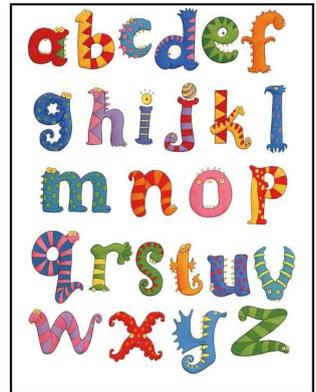
- Reading and discussing stories
- Report writing—Mark Rothko
- Sequencing
- Writing recounts
- Labelling

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 5 and 6 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended

Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

If your child is bringing home spellings, please can you help them to learn how to spell the words before the following Friday when they are tested.



## WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child has a *named* water bottle in school every day.

The children often have their bottles with them as they work so please could the bottle have a sports lid to avoid spillages!



## Reading at Home

Now that the children are settled into Year 1 and 2, we expect them to be Reading at home at least 3 times a week. As you know, Thursday is our challenge night and we aim to have 100% of our class reading that night.

Please remember to sign your child's Buster Book Club bookmark so their reading time can be recorded.



## Diary dates:

- 15th February-End of Term 3
- 18th -22th February- Half Term
- 25th February-Term 4 begins
- 28th February-Deal Castle Class Assembly -2.40 p.m.
- 8th March-Staff development day
- 4th April-End of term Achievement Assembly
- 5th April-Spring Service at St. Augustine's Church
- 5th April-End of term 4
- 23rd April-Term 4 begins