

Deal Castle Class

June 2019

Welcome back to the summer (!) term. We had a fantastic time last week during our Art Week. It was lovely to see the children working in different ways and producing some amazing pieces of art.

If the weather improves, please could you ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle. On sunny days, please could you apply sun cream in the morning before school. The children are welcome to bring in a NAMED bottle of sun cream which they can reapply at lunchtime.

Our learning this term will be mainly about: Australia

Literacy—Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our literacy through the class project of Australia.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

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

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be reading and retelling stories linked to Australia. For example, we have read 'Blossom Possum' and the children are now making their own versions.
- Recount writing. We will be writing about the visit from ZooLab.
- Sequencing. We will be sequencing the life cycle of a kangaroo.
- Writing stories. We will be looking at traditional, ancient Aboriginal legends. We will use actions and pictures to help us learn the text before we write, and then change, the stories.
- Information texts. We will collect information and make fact cards about some Australian animals.

Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about 'Australia'. Our focus will be geography and science but our topic learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Comparing hot and cold places in the world. (Antarctica and Australia)
- Locating Australia and looking at the flag.
- Naming and locating the seven continents.
- Learning about Australian animals and their life cycles and habitats.
- Making didgeridoos and listening to music.
- Creating Aboriginal art.
- Meeting Australian animals when we are visited by ZooLab. The children will have the opportunity to meet some animals and find out all about them.



In RE, we will be learning about special people and places. We will be learning about the church and how it is a special place for Christians.

English—Reading:

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.

PE

This term, swimming for the Year 2 children has changed to Tuesday mornings. Please ensure they remember their swimming kit each week.

On Fridays, we will be visiting Dover Gym Club. We will be travelling by mini bus and will be back at school before home time. Children must have dark shorts, green PE t-shirts and plimsolls or trainers.

Transition

During this term, we begin to think of your child's transition into their new class in September. With this in mind, the Year 2 children, will begin to spend some numeracy and reading sessions with Miss Langley. Later in the term, the children will have the opportunity to spend two full days in their new classes. This allows your child to become familiar with some of the new routines before September.



Numeracy

This term, in numeracy sessions we will be revisiting the four different calculations.

We will also be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add, subtract and multiply
- To use money- recognising coins, adding different coins and finding change
- To measure weight, length and time using kg, g, m, cm, hours and minutes.

Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at life cycles and habitats.

We will be learning:

- About the life cycle of a kangaroo
- Seasonal changes
- Animal and plant habitats
- Food cycles.



Diary dates:

- 17th June- Sports Day
- 4th July- Children visit their new class
- 9th July- Visit from ZooLab
- 11th-12th July- Year 2 to Rippledown
- 18th July-Children visit their new class
- 19th July- Music afternoon and reports go home
- 22nd July- Final Achievement Assembly
- 23rd July- End of term