



## Curriculum News- Term 4 Feb 2020

### Caterpillars - Reception

We are now entering the most exciting stage of the foundation year. The children are making rapid progress as they begin to put together all the mark making and phonic learning they have learned so far and begin writing in earnest. Keep them well supplied in paper as once they start they will not stop! This term we will be continuing to look at the world around us and observing how the seasons change. We hope we will be seeing signs of new life and maybe some ducklings at the duck pond. We will begin to visit the allotment so if you would like to send in clothes for the children to change into, please do. Our topic this term is animals and we will be learning about animals, their habitats and their characteristics. The children continue to make fantastic progress with their reading and this is due to the support you are providing at home so keep up the hard work!



### Butterflies- Year 1 and 2

Our Term 4 topic is History based and is entitled 'Kings and Queens.' The children will research some important British monarchs. Children will learn about the lives of significant individuals and events of the past. The children will discuss the role of the royal family today and find out about how the title of King or Queen is inherited. Our Science topic is 'Inventors and Materials' where the children will learn about the invention of the waterproof coat and will explore other waterproof materials by carrying out simple tests. Children will compare everyday materials to find the best insulating materials.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays is PE day so please ensure kits are in school at all times.



### Dolphins- Year 3 and 4

In Term 4, Dolphin class will continue our study on Ancient Egypt. We will be finding out about where Egypt is and about many aspects of Egyptian life. In addition, we will be discovering how the River Nile has a major influence on Egypt and its wealth and power as well as what the Egyptians believed about the afterlife and how they mummified the bodies. In science, our new topic is States of Matter, with a focus on looking at the way matters change through melting or heating as well as evaporation and condensation. Our English will continue to be based around the text 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. This will provide us with opportunities for writing letters and newspaper reports. In maths, we will be covering turns and angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, area and perimeter, equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts. Some of our focus will be on problem solving and applying skills. Homework, spellings and tables will be set on Friday. Homework must be handed in by the following Thursday. The spellings and tables tests will be on the following Friday. PE will be on alternate Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



### Eagles- Year 5 and 6

In mathematics we will be revising number and place value and solving problems regarding time and timetables. In addition, we will explore coordinates, volume and 3-dimensional shapes. In English the children will be writing a mini book entitled 'The Two Islands'. This story will take them to a fantasy world where they will encounter heroes, villains and even a trip on the high seas!

Our topic continues to cover the history of Dover. We have travelled from pre-history to the start of the Tudor era and can look forward to studying Victorian Dover and Dover in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Our science topic is 'Light' in which we will investigate how light travels and what factors affect shadows.

P.E. is timetabled for a Tuesday, but kit should be kept in school throughout the week as we might be forced to take advantage of breaks in the weather! Homework is set on a Friday and is due the following Friday. Spelling tests will also be set on a Friday. Reading should be completed every evening and recorded in the record book.

