



The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



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***“if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible.”
(Matthew: 17 v20)***

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of the children returning to school with excitement for the year ahead and a readiness to dive back into their learning. We are very aware that, for some children, there will have been great apprehension regarding returning to school but we will do everything that we can to ensure that everyone is supported in a positive and reassuring way.

Topic – “What A Wonderful World”

Our whole school theme for the autumn is “What a Wonderful World”. Within this theme, our topic for the term is ‘Seaside Secrets’. We will be learning about the geography of the seaside and how seaside holidays have changed over time. We will be reading *The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch* and retelling the story using pictures and actions. Retelling the story will help us to focus on our sentences, speaking and listening skills and writing with correct letter formation and punctuation.

Reading

Due to the current government guidelines, reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday each week to allow any returning books to be quarantined before they can be reused. Please continue to read with your child daily, it is so important they are consistently reading to help in all areas of their learning.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on counting accurately and writing numbers correctly. We will be comparing numbers and making sure we can read the numbers in digits and words. We will also be continuing to use a lot of manipulatives to help children visualise and understand the value of numbers, as well as playing lots of numeracy games.



Science

We will begin our science learning by looking at and describing seasonal changes in our locality and how these changes affect both humans and animals. We will learn to be weather forecasters and describe the various types of weather that occur during the different seasons.

PE, French and Forest School

Forest School will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr Chidwick. Half of the class will go to Forest School and the other half will come with myself for outdoor learning. All children will need to wear Forest School kit.

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school, as well as footwear suitable for outdoor activity.

Mrs Reynolds will be teaching French every Wednesday morning.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

We are looking forward to working closely with you and your children this year,
Miss Roberts & Miss Lamb

