



# 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)

## The Downs CEP School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope everyone had a relaxing and well deserved half term break and that your children are excited about being back at school for Term 2!

We will start the term thinking about Remembrance and do some work on flashbacks in relation to the World Wars. We will then continue with our topic 'What a Wonderful World', following on from last term and the Ancient Kingdom of Benin. This term we will be looking at how the Kingdom came to an end and will do some persuasive writing linked to the British Invasion of Benin. We continue reading 'The Boy who Harnessed the Wind' by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer which is based in Malawi and will help us to learn and understand more about Africa. Nearer the end of term we will move our thoughts to Christmas and complete some Christmas inspired writing as well as some festive arts and crafts.

In RE, we will be concentrating on 'Gospel' and asking the question – 'What would Jesus do?' We will be exploring the different Gospel texts and how Christians relate this teaching to their lives – individually, in their community and in the wider world. In Science, we will be investigating 'Forces', carrying out lots of tests in order to understand forces further. This links in wonderfully with our book 'The Boy who Harnessed the Wind'.

### Practical Information:

**PE** - Our PE days are **Monday** and **Thursday** but we would be grateful if your child could leave their PE kit in school at all times.

**Forest School** – We have Forest School on **Thursday afternoon**. All of the class will be going outside during these sessions, Mrs Heath and I will be with them and we will do some Forest School activities together and some outdoor activities during this time – including looking after our allotments and the Spiritual Garden.

**Reading** - Reading books are sent home every day and they need to be brought to school, with your child's Reading Record, signed, each day. Please do listen to your child read as much as you can, this really helps them to develop their reading skills. In order to ensure our books stay COVID safe, we will have two days a week for handing in books – Monday and Thursday. The books will be placed in a box and remain there for 3 days before they can be used again.

**Homework** – This term there will be a homework grid for your children to choose from a wide variety of activities. To save sending in work from home, photographs of your children's work can be uploaded onto Purple Mash and we will be able to view it from there – and show it to the rest of the class. Likewise, any work which the children complete electronically can also be saved onto Purple Mash (instructions can be emailed to you if you need them).

We are looking forward to another term working with you and your children. If you need to contact us, please do so via the school office. Thank you!

Regards

Mrs Tutton and Mrs Heath

