

## Dahl Class – Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! It is lovely to welcome back our returning children and to say a big hello to those joining Dahl Class for the first time this year. We have an exciting and busy first term planned, and I can't wait to get started.

### **Notices**

- Outdoor Education & PE – These will continue to take place on Thursday afternoons. On these days, children should come to school in their PE kits.

- Homework – At the start of term, we'll be sharing some key numeracy facts with you and your child. This term, we'll be focusing on number bonds to 10 and 20. These are important building blocks for mental maths and overall confidence in number work.

We encourage children to practise these facts regularly at home—just a few minutes each day can make a big difference! This helps them recall the facts more quickly and supports their progress in class. These facts will also be revisited during lessons.

From time to time, we'll also send home small challenges to help reinforce learning in a fun and engaging way.

Children will continue to have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs, which they can use at home whenever they like.

### **Our Learning This Term**

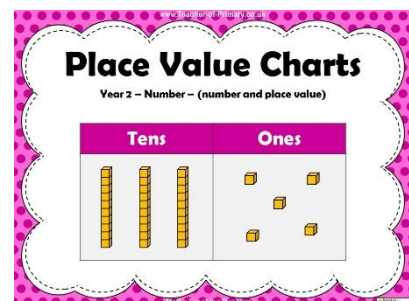
#### **Phonics & English**

Children will continue to work in their phonics groups—small, specialised groups designed to help them make strong progress in reading and writing.

Our Year 2 pupils will also take part in additional English lessons. We will be retelling the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood, focusing on using exciting adjectives and conjunctions to make our narrative sentences more interesting and detailed.

## **Maths**

We will begin with Number and Place Value, practising counting skills, identifying and representing numbers, and recognising the place value of digits in two-digit numbers.



## **Geography**

Our big question is: Would you rather visit a city or the coast?

We will explore what makes a city, locate major UK cities, and learn about the coast and its key features.



## **Science**

Our science topic is Uses of Materials, where we will answer: How are materials chosen in design?

Children will carry out simple practical tests to explore why certain materials are chosen for



different purposes, developing their reasoning skills along the way.

### **RE (Religious Education)**

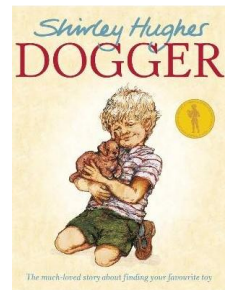
We will be exploring Christianity and answering:  
Who is God to Christians and why does God matter to them?



Children will learn about the ways Christians express their beliefs about God.

### **Guided Reading**

Our class text will be Dogger by Shirley Hughes.



### **Computing**

We will be learning about Technology Around Us, discovering what technology is, and identifying examples in school and in the classroom.

### **Music**

This term's theme is Under the Sea. We will learn musical vocabulary and work towards creating our own sea-inspired piece of music.



### **Art**

Children will be using clay to make their own sculptures, inspired by famous landmarks.

**PE**

PE will be led by our sports coach.

It's going to be a fantastic term full of creativity, curiosity, and learning! Thank you for your continued support in helping your children thrive in Dahl Class.

Best wishes,

Miss Moylan

Dahl Class Teacher