



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

We would like to welcome all the Year One children and parents to their new classes. The children have already settled in really well and are getting used to being back in school.

Topics for the term

Our theme for Term One is 'Once upon a time...' The children will listen to and read a variety of traditional tales and fairy stories, including The Elves and The Shoemaker and The Princess and The Pea. The topic will include finding out about life in a castle. In Science we will look at the use of different materials for example, which materials did the Elves use to make shoes? As we go through the year the children will also learn about different seasons and the weather.

Our theme for Term Two will focus on fire. We will be learning about The Gunpowder Plot and Bonfire Night. We will also find out about The Great Fire of London.

Homework

We expect the children to read with an adult every day.

The most important activity you can do with your child is listening to them read and sharing books with them. Asking your child questions about what they have read will give them a greater understanding. Please sign or make a comment in their reading record book when you hear them read. Because we can only change the children's books twice a week, it would be helpful if you asked your child questions using **Who, Where, When, Why, What and How**. Every Friday we will count how many times they have read in a week at home. 3 reads will earn a stamp. 6, 12 and 18 stamps will then earn them a bronze, silver and gold bookmark. Reading books will only be changed on Tuesday and Friday as we have to quarantine the books for 72 hrs.

P.E. and Games

We are unable to do PE in the hall at the moment due to Government guidelines therefore we will be doing outdoor PE on a Friday afternoon. There will also be another session of outdoor pe during the week.

Please make sure your child has a Davington school P.E. kit in their house colour.

School Equipment

Your child will need a pair of wellies that can stay at school. The children use the school field at lunch time and it can often be muddy. They also use the school Woodland regularly throughout the year so need to have wellies in school all the time.

Please make sure your child has a coat everyday as lunchtimes can often be chilly. The children go out to play for 40 minutes even when the weather is cold or damp.

All children need to have a reusable water bottle in school.

Please make sure all school clothes, shoes and plimsolls are clearly labelled with their name. We are unable to send home spare clothes at the moment. All children need a spare pair of pants, trousers and socks.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and have a chat with us.

We are really looking forward to spending the year ahead with your children and are sure it is going to be lots of fun.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Bunting S. Oliver'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Bunting and Mrs. Oliver
Year 1 Class Teachers

Mrs Mackender – 1B

Mrs Wilkinson – 1C

Mrs Smith will be helping in both classes

Numeracy Skills

We will be reading and writing number words and digits as well as ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be learning how to find 1 more and 1 less than any given number, extending this to 10 more and 10 less. The children will be learning to understand addition as “counting on” and subtraction as “take away” and “find the difference”. We will be encouraging the children to use simple number sentences to record. We will learn pairs of numbers that add to 10 (number bonds), as well as doubles and halves for whole numbers to 10. We will be weighing and measuring. We will be learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes as well as looking at their properties. We will also have a focus on writing numbers correctly.

Religious Education

In term 1 we will explore what it means to belong to a faith community. In term 2 we will be finding out how and why we celebrate special and sacred times.

PSHE

We will be learning about feelings and friendships in term 1. In term 2 we will be looking at medicines and who can give them to us.

Year 1 Terms 1 and 2 2020



Communication, Language and Literacy

In term 1 and 2 the children will have a daily phonic session, which will support both their reading and spelling. The children will be revising phase 2 and 3 and learning Phase 4 and Phase 5 phonemes from Letters and Sounds. The children will need to learn to read and spell some common exceptions words such as ‘said’, ‘the’ and ‘were’.

In writing children will be learning how to form letters correctly as well as using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in simple sentences. They will enjoy a range of fiction and non fiction books and will develop the skills to answer questions about them.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

In term 1 and 2 we will be looking at the seasons, particularly autumn and winter. This will include looking at signs of seasonal changes, and how we dress according to the weather. We will also discover weather symbols.

We will find out about different materials and their properties. The children will be describing materials using words such as, transparent, dull, shiny, hard, soft, absorbent, smooth and they will be discussing why those materials have been used for certain products.

ICT

In ICT, the children will be developing their computer skills and familiarising themselves with keyboards. They will have the opportunity to use paint programmes
In term 2, they will be using a variety of programmes and games to support topic work.

PE and Creative Art

In term 1 we will be developing the children’s control and coordination as well as encouraging team work and ball skills.

Unfortunately, we are not able to sing indoors at the moment however the children will be exploring pitch and tone by listening to music and discussing it.

In Art, we will be exploring the use of colour, line and texture, and control when working with different equipment. We will be looking at the work of famous artists.



Davington Termly Overview

YEAR 1

Term: 1

You may want to consider doing the following **English** activities with your child:

Please listen to your child read every day. Once your child can sound out and read their reading book please try asking them questions using *who why what when where*. It is important that children learn to understand these words.

Have a go at learning to read all the Year 1 High Frequency Words (also known as Tricky words). These are words that cannot be sounded out with the children's current phonic knowledge. If your child can read them, then have a go at spelling them. There are lots of games online that will help you with this.

To help your child learn phonics please have a look at the phoneme list in your child's reading record. We will tick off the phonemes (sounds) that your child is recognising in class. To help your child learn the sounds they don't yet know you could try some of these games.

I Spy

Stop Drop Write (ask your child to move round the room, when you say the sound they drop and write the sound.)

Jump Blending. Use chalk or pieces of paper to write a simple three letter word, encourage your child to jump on each sound to blend and read the word, e.g. h-a-t th-r ee sh ar k

You may want to consider doing the following **Maths** activities with your child:

We thought it might be fun to have a focus on money this term.

Year 1 children need to recognise all British coins and notes. Please start by learning the 1p and 2p coins. Then move on to the silver coins. After this you could have a go at learning the 1 pound and 2 pound coins and the notes.

Ask your child to count out pennies to 20 then see what happens when you take some away. Year 1 children need to understand the words *more less same different* You could practise these words using coins.

We also do a lot of work on place value in Year 1. You can help your child by looking at how 10 one pence coins are the same as a 10p coin. Then have a go at making amounts to 20 using 10p and 1p coins.

If your child can count forward and backward to 20 using pennies, then they could try counting to 50 or even 100! When they can do this they could have a go at counting in twos using 2p coins or tens using 10p coins.

You may want to consider doing the following **Creative or Topic** related activities with your child:

Our theme this term is Once Upon A Time. We have been finding out about castles. You could try building a castle using cardboard boxes. Can you find out what the different parts of a castle are called? Have a go at making some characters and act out a story. You could try Jack and the Beanstalk, Sleeping Beauty or Puss in Boots. Another way to explore a fairy tale or traditional tale is to make a story in a jar. After you have read the story together you can think about some of the important things from the story. Then try to find some of these things to fit into a jar. You can use pictures or objects.

In Year 1 the children need to learn the meaning of the words *beach, cliff, coast, sea, ocean, harbour and port*.

Perhaps you could go for a walk on the beach or down by the Faversham boatyard to find out the meanings of some of these words. Another good place to go would be Dover where the children can see a castle and the cliffs for themselves.

You may want to consider doing the following **Physical and Emotional Well-Being** activities with your child:

At school our PSHE topic is Feelings and Relationships. We have been encouraging the children to think about how they feel and put a name to these feelings. A really useful book to help with this is *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas. You can find the story on YouTube. After you have listened to the story you could have a go at making a colour jar for each feeling. You could discuss what makes you feel happy/sad/angry etc. with your child. Your child can then draw or write down your ideas and put them into a jar for each feeling. There are lots of other ideas for ways to use this book at <https://teachingideas.co.uk/library/books/the-colour-monster>

Sharing your child's home learning:

Please email your child's home learning to the Year group email account:

Year1@davington.kent.sch.uk

We are not able to reply to your emails directly, however we look forward to celebrating your child's learning with them.