



# Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome all the Year Two children back after a very busy time before Christmas! I think you'll all agree what a success the Baubles Christmas play was!

## Theme for the term

This term Year 2 will be learning through the question "How does your garden grow?" Our science based question will lead us to think about what plants need to grow successfully as well as linking into our English writing of Jack and the Beanstalk and *The Scarecrow's wedding* by Julia Donaldson. At the end of this term we plan to have a visit from a Florist to help us make a posy of flowers for the Scarecrow's wedding as well as make a healthy lunchbox in Design and technology. Through geography we will be studying continents and naming plants that grow well in different climates.

Term 4 sees us looking at the question – Whose egg? We will be theming our learning around caring for animals, with a particular focus on Non-fiction texts and Emperor Penguins. Our science will be linked to animals and humans and what they need to survive. This term also has a few exciting secret elements to our learning... all will be revealed at a later date.

## Homework

We will continue to send home homework that you can work on with your children each week. This is aimed at supporting your children's knowledge and understanding in the topics they are covering in class. We have been delighted at the amount of effort that has been put in to homework so far, and enjoy seeing the different ways that homework is completed.

We would like to repeat that the **most important activity you can do** with your child is listening to them read and sharing books with them, modeling this skill. Encourage your child to talk in detail about what has happened so far in the story and what they predict will happen next. Try to find tricky words and discuss the meanings of them. Every Friday we check how many times your child has read in a week. If they have read 3 times then they will be awarded a stamp. For 6 stamps, a bronze, silver then gold bookmark will be awarded. Some children have already achieved a silver and gold.

## P.E. and Games

Indoor P.E. will be on Wednesday morning and outdoor games on a Friday afternoon (weather permitting).

Please note swimming will start again in term 4.



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Please make sure that you provide a tracksuit for their games lessons as the weather is much colder now. We all agree they look extremely smart in their blue shorts and t-shirts for inside P.E.

**Please ensure all coats, school clothes, wellies and plimsolls are clearly labeled with their name.**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bunting and Miss Blair  
Year 2 Class Teachers

## Science

Through our theme's question 'How does your garden grow?' we will be discovering what plants need in order to survive and thrive; which plants grow on different continents; and the parts of plants as we watch them grow.

In term 4 we are going to continue to think about 'animals including humans' and link to our Geography by learning about how animals survive in different continents.

## Computing

In term 3, we are using our PowerPoint and camera skills to make an e-book. We're going to retell our own version of Jack and the Beanstalk and plan, take and insert the pictures into our PowerPoints.

In term 4 we are going to link our Maths and Geography to learn about coding. This will include making an animated character move North, South, East and West on a computer programme.

## Art & Design Technology

In terms 3 and 4 we are exploring colour mixing in our Art lessons and linking to our maths with lines of symmetry.

We are linking our PSHE and plants that we eat topic to our Design and Technology by making a healthy lunchbox too. We are also going to use our creative skills to make bread.

## Year 2 Term 3 and 4 2019



### Enquiry based Learning Project

In our two terms, we're going to be focusing on Science and Geography.

#### Term 3: 'How does your garden grow?'

We are thinking carefully about plants and growth to help the scarecrow make a posy for his wife-to-be at the end of term.

#### Term 4: 'Whose egg is that?'

We've heard some strange noises and whispers from the woodland and Spring is the time for new life.. I wonder what we will find...

## Geography

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 we are going to learn the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We hope to be able to label a map of the world and talk about what animals and plants come from the different continents and oceans.

We are also still enjoying Flat Stanley's adventures around the world as we receive more and more postcards each week!

## PSHE

Our theme for term 3 is 'Me and my healthy lifestyle', where we will be investigating the plants that we eat and noticing which parts of the plant that we eat.

During term 4 our theme will be 'Me and making a positive contribution', where we will be thinking about animals and how to look after them.

## PE

In term 3, our outdoor PE game is hockey. We're learning to control the ball and the hockey stick. In our outdoor PE we will be looking at travelling in different ways.

Term 4 takes us to the field with striking and fielding games. We'll be improving our batting skills. We will also be back in the swimming pool on Mondays.

## Music

In music we will be reading writing musical scores and creating compositions related to our themes. We will be performing these to each other.

## Religious Education

In RE we will be looking at the faith of Islam. Children will be thinking about what makes a good leader and learning about the prophet Muhammad. We will then be finding out about how Muslims pray and worship as well as exploring what a mosque is like.

## History

We are exploring historical people in Term 4, including Christopher Columbus, Isabella Bird Bishop and Percy Powell-Cotton. This will see us taking a fantastic trip to the Powell-Cotton museum to find out all about his adventures.