



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Term 3 has started well and we are looking forward to the continued hard work, excellent behaviour and high achievement of all pupils moving forward.

Topics for the Term

Please see the attached sheet for a summary curriculum topic map of what will be covered over the next two terms. Notice we are introducing a new enquiry based learning project each term – these are designed to engage the children with memorable experiences, innovating challenges, along with opportunities to investigate and to read texts that relate to the area of enquiry.

PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at all times. Our PE times are as follows:

4B – Indoor P.E. on Mondays and outdoor P.E. on Wednesdays

4J – Indoor P.E. on Mondays and outdoor P.E. on Wednesdays

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, **their earrings will need to be removed in this session.**

Homework

All homework is sent home on Fridays and is due in on the following Wednesday. It is essential that children bring in their completed homework in order for it to be collected and marked and also for the new set of homework to be inserted. We encourage independence but of course welcome you to support your child when necessary. Children will also receive spellings on a Monday to be tested the following Monday so please do practice these together.

We continue to encourage the children to read **at least** three times a week and ask that an adult records this in their Reading Record book so that they can be rewarded for their hard work and effort.

Trips/Experience Days

To reinforce and inspire your children's learning this year we will organise a variety of educational experiences which we will let you know about in advance.

Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a named water bottle that they can use. Please make sure this does not leak and has a 'sports top' lid. These can be bought in the school office.

Break Time Snacks

Fruit will be available to Key Stage 2 children at break times in our fruit café. Fruit vouchers can be bought from the school gate each morning and cost 20p. We strongly encourage children to make use of this facility.

Arriving at school

We have an 'open door' policy and are always ready to discuss any **urgent** problems with you in the morning when you bring your child to school. However, if you want to have a longer chat about your child, please could you make an appointment to talk to us after school as time in the morning is limited – thank you.

Collecting your child

At the end of the school day, your child will be taken to the main playground. The children are instructed to remain with school staff until they see the adult responsible for collecting them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Ogilvie, Miss Beard.

Miss Beard & Mrs Ogilvie
Year 4 teachers

Science

Term 3 and 4

We will be learning about states of matter. The children will be carrying out investigations involving heating and cooling. We will be learning about evaporation and condensation. Part of this will involve looking at chocolate and investigating how it changes as it is heated and cooled.

Computing

In ICT the children will be learning to create a sequence of instructions to program a device to accomplish specific goals. The children will use the internet to find information about chocolate and where it comes from. The children will use technology to enable them to design and make their own adverts and packaging for a chocolate bar.

Art & Design Technology

This term the children will be looking at Maya art and designing and making masks based on our observations. The children will research chocolate wrappers and adverts before designing and creating their own packaging and chocolate bars.

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Enquiry based Learning Project

Term 3: 'Chocolate'

Combining Geography and science skills to solve the question **'Where does chocolate come from and what is it made of?'**

Term 4: 'Chocolate and Potions'

Combining DT and science skills to solve the question **'Is all chocolate the same and does it melt at the same temperature?'**

Geography

In Geography we will study the area in Mexico where the Maya came from. We will look at different land features which had an effect on their lives and culture. We will link this to our learning about chocolate and Fair Trade.

History

This term we are excited to be learning all about the Maya people and why they were important. We will look at the different things they invented, their culture and traditions. In English we will read traditional Maya folk tales.

Music

This term the children will be using the percussion instruments to investigate rhythm and tempo. They will learn a variety of songs which they can accompany with the instruments.

PE

In gym we will be looking at flexibility, control and balance. We will perform dances with a range of movement patterns. We will be playing competitive games, applying basic principles for attacking and defending. We will use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and combination.

PSHE

In PSHE our topic will be 'Living in the Wider World.' We will be learning about different cultures, diversity and acceptance.

Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about inspirational people and linking this to their learning about Jesus and his life. We will be listening to, and discussing, stories from the New Testament.

Languages

In French this term the children will be describing their family, using sentences to say what they are called and their ages. They will be listening to known stories and translating them, then writing their own.