

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Lower Dart,

Summer Term 2019



It's great to be back and to have had such lovely weather over Easter Weekend! The children are all bright, breezy and looking forward to the summer term and especially to our topic! This term the children will continue to be taught by Miss Mount all week, except on Wednesday afternoons/ Thursday mornings, when they will have Mrs Reynolds. On Thursday afternoons, we continue to have Tom Deam for Violin and Ian Patchett for Athletics / Dartmoor 3 Ball. We have the wonderful Debbie Dracup (Mon-Tuesday) who will be supporting the whole class and some individual children with their studies, in and out of the classroom. We also have amazing Fiona for the rest of the week, doing the same.



**Topic:** Our topic this term will be 'Animals and their welfare.'

We will start with Dartmoor animals & wildlife, looking at: How to encourage/ respect wildlife; respecting livestock and encouraging tourists and drivers to do the same. After that, we will move on to pets and their care!

**Curriculum:** The children will be developing their literacy skills, including composition, grammar, spelling and punctuation and the Year 2s will continue to build on all the skills and knowledge that they will need for their SATs tests in May, with work linked to animals, as much as possible. Children will also be having phonics or spelling sessions on most days to help them build their spelling and reading skills.

There will of course, be our daily maths lesson, focusing on a range of mental and written strategies and broader topics such as co-ordinates, measures, time, shape and data. We will keep encouraging the children to learn their times tables at school and at home so keep up the great work on TT Rockstars! We will also practise written methods of calculations.

**PE:** Your children will need their PE kits in on **THURSDAYS (Dartmoor 3 Ball/ Athletics) and swimming kits on MONDAYS**. It is very important that they have kit/swimming things in school for their PE sessions on these days. If it is a bank holiday, bring swimming kits in on Tuesday and we will try to make up for it!



**Homework:** We will continue to send spellings home every week. Please make sure the children have a chance to practise them for the test on Fridays.



Please continue to read every day with your child and have a very quick question at the end e.g. What do you think will happen next? Why? Who is your favourite character? Why? Which bit of information was most/least interesting? Why? etc.

Please keep practising these times tables: 2, 5, 10 & 3 (Year 2) and 2, 5, 10 (if not secure) and 3, 4, 8 (Year 3). (TT Rockstars/ Hit the Button) and keep up any opportunities for telling the time/measuring things at home. If you are out shopping any opportunities for adding up and/or giving change are always helpful. There will also be a bit of homework for maths to consolidate this week's learning. This may be paper or on 'My Maths'.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's school experience during the term please feel welcome to drop in to see us. If you have any concerns please let us know. We are also very happy if you would like to come into the classroom and see first hand the sort of experience your child is having in Lower Dart.

We will be taking great care to ensure all members of the class are challenged in their work and enjoy all aspects of their learning. Thank you for helping us, by encouraging your child to complete their homework each week!

*Sophie Mount, Debbie Dracup & Fiona Dunn.*