



# Autumn Newsletter 2018



## Welcome to Lower Dart!

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and we can see that the children have come back with lots of enthusiasm and are ready to learn. We would especially like to welcome Jasper to our class, who has settled in incredibly well.

This term, the children will be taught by Sophie Mount all week, except for Wednesday afternoons, when they will have Mrs Reynolds for computing and reading/handwriting/spelling. Also on Thursdays they will have Mrs Reynolds for maths and science in the morning and then in the afternoon they will have PE with a specialist teacher from SDCC and Tom Deam teaching violins! Debbie and Fiona are our fabulous TAs (Debbie: Mon/Tues & Fiona: Wed-Fri).

**From rivers to seas and oceans.** will be our topic this term. The children will be learning plenty of geography skills and about the many amazing creatures that live in these environments and how it's all so vital to the planet. We will also be researching how humans have harmed these environments and how we are now trying to rectify and prevent it.



Additionally, through a range of topic links and discrete teaching, the children will continue to extend their literacy, numeracy, art, music, religious education, French, computing, PSHE and PE skills.



Most children will continue to have a Reading Record in their book bag in which home and school should record any reading the children have done. **\*\*We also have the age-expected spellings and phonics in these books. Please do practise these!\*\***



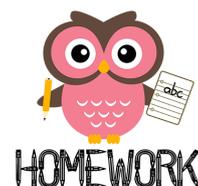
We really appreciate the support you give the children at home with reading. It is such a vital area of education, not only opening up their lives to a world of wonderful books, but also stimulating their imagination and inspiring their writing.

We will have **swimming** on Mondays until Half Term (hopefully) or until it's just too cold. This will then turn into their first PE session. The second **PE** session is on Thursdays (outdoor). Please do ensure your children have their PE kit/swimming kit in school at all times in case we need to change it!



Please encourage your children to bring in a labelled bottle of water, to be kept in the classroom, for use throughout the day and take it home for washing! It helps them keep hydrated and focused.

There will be some maths homework to practise skills learnt in class and occasionally topic activities, but don't forget, that **all children should practise times tables and reading EVERY DAY**, and that there will be a spelling quiz on Fridays.



We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead where we will encourage, support, and challenge the children to reach their full potential. Please do feel free to come in and see us, phone or email if you wish to discuss anything, or would like any more information.

*Sophie Mount, Mrs Reynolds, Debbie & Fiona*