

## **To Parents and Carers of children in Upper Dart**

### **Spring Term 2018**

Happy New Year to all! We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and that your child is looking forward to some exciting learning ahead. This term the children will be taught by Lucy Carr and Des Stokes. Ella Thompson will be supporting the children in the classroom. We are pleased to welcome Miss Cracknell and Miss Elwes into the class, they will be joining us for their Spring term teacher training placement.

The topic this term will be 'The Rise of the Robots' in which children will be learning about the history of robotics and investigating how technical advances such as AI affect our lives today. We will be having a Robotics day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, on this day children will work in teams to build and programme some robots of their very own.

The children have an hourly maths lesson each day, focusing on a range of mental and written strategies. This term we are looking at fractions, decimals and percentages We will be encouraging the children to learn their times tables at school and at home, as well as, secure other number facts we cover in the classroom.

Upper Dart will be having a PE lesson every Wednesday with a specialist teacher from South Dartmoor to prepare for the Body Language festival on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. The children will also be practising their dance on other days so it is important that they have their P.E kit in at all times.

Pupils in Upper Dart will have home learning set every week, this will consist of some longer, practical project based work as well as some maths and literacy that will be used to develop an aspect of the children's learning in school. Work will be sent home on Thursdays and will need to be returned by the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise in their home learning book. Please can you remind your child to take good care of these books and bring them back on Wednesdays.

The home learning should provide a good home/school link and give you the opportunity to discover some of the things that your child is learning at school. It will also serve to prepare children for the assessments and SATs in the Summer term.

We do appreciate your help in making sure home learning is completed on time. As the children near the time when they move on to secondary school, it is very important that they have established good home learning habits.

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 don't wait for the parents evening on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of February. 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 Upper Dart.

We will be taking great care to ensure all members of the class are challenged in their work and have fun and enjoy all aspects of their learning. Thank you for helping us by encouraging your child to complete their homework, read everyday and have the right learning equipment in school.

Lucy Carr and Des Stokes