



Autumn Newsletter 2017



Welcome to Lower Dart!

We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and we can tell that the children have come back with lots of enthusiasm and are ready to learn. We would especially like to welcome Pippa, Samson, Sienna, Delphi & Chloe to our class, who have all settled in incredibly well.

This term the children will be taught by Sophie Mount all week, except for Wednesday afternoons, when they will have PE with a specialised teacher from SDCC and Tom Deam teaching violins! How exciting! Debbie Dracup is our fabulous TA, and she will be with us from Monday-Wednesday and we have amazing Claire who is our 1:1 support, all week.



The children will be investigating and researching about many of the amazing and bizarre creatures that lived at that time. We will also be studying Mary Anning and how she was instrumental in discovering fossils. If you have any books or artefacts at home, Our topic for the first half of the Autumn term is 'Dinosaurs' and the children will be researching and investigating many of the please do let us borrow them!

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.



All 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 PE on Wednesdays (outdoor) and swimming on Thursdays until Half Term (hopefully) or until it's just too cold. Please do ensure your children have their PE kit/swimming kit in school at all times in case we need to change it!

We encourage the 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!



More details will follow for maths and topic, but don't forget, that all children should practise reading every day, and that there will be a spelling quiz on Thursdays. Spelling lists will be sent out on Thursdays

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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 Dacup & Claire.