

To Parents and Carers of children in Upper Dart

Spring Term 2019

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 Paula Reynolds. Ella Thompson will be supporting the children in the classroom.

During this term, we are looking at fractions, decimals and percentages in numeracy. I will also be running an afternoon, thirty-minute maths intervention three times a week for those pupils that would like a bit of extra time to practise their maths skills. Extra maths home learning tasks will also be available, to revise what we are doing in class that week. Parents or children can pick these up from class each week. We have also joined Times Table Rockstars. All the children have a username and password and can access this on any computer to practise their tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of school.



This term the children will be studying 'The Romans' as their topic. They will be learning about the way the Roman Empire grew; the lifestyle of the people; the Roman army and the impact of the Roman invasion of England and its legacy. If you have any books, photos or artefacts at home, we would welcome these being brought to school by your child to share with the class.

In P.E this term, Upper Dart will be preparing for the Body Language festival at the beginning of March. PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays so please could you ensure your child's kit is in school for these days. Please could a pair of blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings be provided to protect the childrens' legs and keep them warm.

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. 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 every day and have the right learning equipment in school.

We are about to become a THRIVE school; which means we will use the THRIVE approach throughout our setting and as part of our whole school ethos. THRIVE is a specialist intervention programme that supports children with their emotional health, well-being and social skills; all of which are needed for learning to take place. We will send you a bit more information and invite you to a drop-in session in the very near future.

We are still aiming to get our maths learning as good as our reading and writing. This term, we will continue to focus on embedding our key facts and will be using some new online resources to support us.

Lucy Carr and Paula Reynolds