



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## Class Eider

A Happy New Year to you!

We are writing to share some of the things that we will be learning in Class Eider over the course of the Spring Term.

### General Information

Please continue to help the children remember to bring the following items in their bookbag: Reading Journal, reading book, fruit or vegetables as a snack for breaktime (if your child is bringing in fruit please have it in a named bag that they can take home at the end of the day), a named water bottle and a packed lunch if you wish. If your child has an ink pen licence, please could you check that they have a working named pen.

### English

We are starting the term by looking at adventure and mystery stories. We will be identifying common themes and looking at structure and pattern within this particular genre. Then the children will be using what they have learnt to plan and write their own adventure tale. We will then be moving on to information texts when the children will be using dictionaries and thesauruses to help them write an information text of their own. The children really enjoyed playing with language during our poetry session last term. We will be building on that learning about shape poems and calligrams. After half term, our non fiction work will be learning to write an explanation and we will finish the term reading and writing alternative Fairy Tales. Every child will have the chance to take part in our Let's Present sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. You have hopefully received a letter with your child's presentation date and this term's topic. Spelling will continue as last term- each week we will explore a specific spelling objective. Your child will bring home a list of spellings, to be learned ready for a test the following week. Your child will also be asked to pick 5 additional 'own words' to learn, which will be words they have spelt incorrectly previously. I will also provide words for the children to learn if they are not sure which words to choose. Our spelling tests this term will take place on Mondays. Some of our handwriting sessions will also be linked to the weekly spellings. As with last term, we are going over high frequency and common exception words and some children will be bringing words home from those lists to learn this term. Some children will have moved on to the second 40 words of our Year 3 Termly Spelling list and will bring them home to practise. The children have done really well using their Reading Journals to record their reading during the week and would appreciate your continued involvement with encouragement and hearing them read and commenting in their journals.

### Mathematics

We are continuing to base maths learning on the White Rose Hub scheme of work supplemented with extra schemes to broaden and increase mastery and deeper learning which enables the children to use their skills



in problem solving activities. We will continue to work on the use of multiplication tables, focussing on 3,4 and 8 times tables this term. The children need to be able to use their knowledge of times tables to answer multiplication and division questions and solve problems. We will also be using mathematical skills to combine amounts and give change during sessions working with money. In the statistics lessons the children will be making various types of charts and tables and using them to answer questions.

### **Science**

We will be looking at 'Rocks and Soil' as our first unit of work this term, when we will be discovering how and when the different types of rock were formed. They will be studying volcanoes and using lenses to look carefully at different specimens of rock. We will also discuss how fossils are formed and I am sure dinosaurs may well rear their heads at this point! As part of learning about the human body we will be finding out about teeth during the second half of the term too.

### **Topic**

Our topic this term is 'Our Island Nation' and the children will be following on from the work they covered last term about Great Britain and Northern Ireland. They will be discovering about the four separate countries that make up the United Kingdom including physical and geographical features such as towns, cities, mountains and rivers. They will also be learning about foods and customs in the different areas of our island nation.

### **Computing**

We will be using the internet to find out about aspects of the class topic and of course linking our use of the internet to online safety. The children will be using what they have learnt in Topic lessons to collect and present information to an audience. They will be learning about computer simulation being a program which attempts to mimic a real-life scenario, which allows for real life things to be tried which would otherwise be too difficult, dangerous or expensive to do.

### **Religious Education**

Our lessons this term will cover some elements of two religions: Judaism and Christianity. We will start by learning that the Torah is the holy text for Jewish people and will then share the story of Moses. We will link the two religions by discussing the Ten Commandments. After that the class will focus on some of the rites of passage in the Christian faith such as Baptism, Marriage and the funeral.

### **Art and Design Technology**

During our art and design sessions, the children will use what they learnt about sketching to draw from real life. They will be using colour and texture to create collage and paintings. They will also use papier mache to create a sculpture.

### **Physical Education**

This term our PE sessions will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Currently, the Friday session will be gymnastics in the hall. The Tuesday session will be an outdoor sport taught by a coach from Premier Sport when the children will be focussing on ball control within games.

We hope that this information has been helpful. If you have any questions or need to contact us, please send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible: [classe@danburypark.essex.sch.uk](mailto:classe@danburypark.essex.sch.uk)

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