



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

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## Class Hummingbird Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas. Our topic for the Spring Term is 'Day and Night'. The children will learn about our topic through each area of the National Curriculum.

### **Dates for your diary**

This term we will be doing a Class Assembly. This will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Further details will follow but do put the date on your calendar as the children love to see a friendly face in the audience.

Parent consultations are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Appointments do fill up quickly so please ensure once you receive this form it is returned to school as soon as possible so that we can do our best to accommodate your preferred day and time.

Please ensure that your child has all their belongings clearly labelled. Your child's hair should be tied up at all times and no jewellery is worn.

### **Routines**

#### Reading

If your child reads three or more times in a week, they will receive a sticker. Your child will read in a Guided Reading group and with an adult on a 15 day cycle. When you read with your child at home please ensure you write in their diary so we are aware.

The children will still be tested every Friday morning on their spellings. Spelling books will be sent home but need to be returned on the Monday morning. Please ensure that you are practising your Phase Card during the week. Your child needs to be able to identify the phoneme, say the phoneme, read words with the sound in



and write words using that grapheme. Please get your child to practise their Tricky Words reading and spelling them as they will be tested on these every half term. To support your child further with their spellings get them to write them in sentences this develops their accuracy and fluency in writing.

### Home learning

Our home learning remains the same on a three-week rota your child will be set a task on Mathletics. Your child has a Mathletics log in which is the same as last year. Tasks will be set that are relevant to the learning we have done in school that week. The Bug Club log in is also the same and the children will be set activities. Your child will also bring home a maths games, which we encourage you to play with your child. Please let us know if there are any pieces missing so that we can replace them. These will be given on Friday and returned on the Monday. Your child will also bring home a book from the reading corner to share with you over the weekend.

### Subjects

In English the children will be sharing a range of texts both fiction and non-fiction linked to the Day and Night theme. The children will continue to practise their letter formation and placement. We will look at a variety of texts and these will be used to encourage them in their own writing. They will also be exploring poetry and drama through topic related material. We will look at different text types and the features they have.

In Maths, the children will be focusing on place value. They will be looking at addition and subtraction and will be learning to use a variety of concrete and pictorial resources to support their understanding. We will be looking at length, height, mass and volume. We will use our mathematical knowledge to solve problems.

In Science, we will be looking at animals including humans, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. We will also be observing changes across the four seasons. They will observe and describe weather associated with the seasons, and why we have day and night. We will explore habitats and how animals live in them. We will be learning how to ask questions and understand that they can be answered in a number of different ways.

In Art and Design Technology, they will be encouraged to develop a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and



space. We will learn how to use water colours and change their tones. We will explore Vincent Van Gogh and create our own version of his 'Starry Night' picture as well as creating a day time version.

In Music, lessons will be on a Thursday morning with Mrs Long. The children will be describing and recognising sounds, making music with the percussion instruments, and singing songs to do with our topic of 'Day and Night'. Every week the children will have Singing Assembly which they love.

In Geography and History, we will start to look at Danbury and when our houses were built. We will also look at Florence Nightingale and why she is an important person in history. We will explore why some of the world is in darkness the other parts are in daylight. We will continue to look at and recognise the similarities and differences between periods of time. We will look at maps and the weather patterns of the United Kingdom.

In ICT, the children will continue to learn about the dangers of using the internet and how they should seek help and support if necessary. They will learn how to create, manipulate and retrieve digital content using art software. They will conduct a school survey about the types of technology children have at home.

PE will be every Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. In Physical Development we will be practising our co-ordination and balancing skills. In dance we will be learning to move and safely use the space around us. We will learn to make a sequence of movements and perform them. We will look at how movement affects our body. In outdoor games we will be developing our ball skills and will be throwing and catching a variety of equipment. Please ensure your child's PE kit is fully labelled and your child has spare socks. Please ensure your child's hair is tied back and their earrings are removed.

In RE the children will be taught by Ms Middleton. The children will learn about special people and special places looking at Judaism: Shabbat, Hinduism: Puja, Diwali and Buddhism: Buddha in the home.

If you are interested in being a parent helper in class, could you please write your availability in your child's reading diary. You will then need to go to the office for further information.

As you can see we have a busy term ahead! If you have any questions, I will be very happy to discuss them with you.



Thank you for your support.  
Your sincerely,

*Mrs Smith*

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Class Teacher

