



# The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



## Reception – Minibeast Classes Term Two 2018

Welcome back to term two we hope you had a lovely half term. This term the school topic is Eureka! In reception we will be exploring the story of the Three Little Pigs and finding out how the third little pig had his eureka moment building a brick house.

### Literacy

We will be learning to sequence the story of The Three Little Pigs and developing our story telling language. We will be exploring the alternative versions of this traditional tale.



### Maths

We will be building on our number recognition and counting skills. We will be applying this knowledge to begin to add two numbers together to find their total.



### Science

We will be looking at the construction materials of the Three Little Pig's houses and testing their properties.



### RE

This term the focus is Incarnation. We will be learning about the Christian Christmas story.



***Our big question is: Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?***

### PE

Our slot for PE will continue to be Tuesday morning in the school hall. We will be developing our throwing and catching skills using a variety of balls and bean bags. We will also be introducing the children to skipping! Can you please ensure your child has a full PE kit that is labelled. If your child has earrings please could they be removed for this.



### Home learning



#### Home Reading Books

All adults in the unit will continue to listen to the children read and change their books once a week. Please listen to your child read every night and ask them questions about the book.

#### Library

We will visit our school library on a Monday afternoon. Please return their library book on this day so they can choose a new one.

#### Phonics

We will add to their phonics packs as the term goes on. Please support your child with completing the activities. From this term story sacks and phonics games will also be sent home.

#### Diary dates for this term

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – individual school photos

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School Poppy art work to mark 100 years since the end of World War One

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (afternoon) – Parent workshop to build a house! Details to follow.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – school closed for staff development

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Travelling Panto to perform to Lower School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Open afternoon  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch for Lower School