Dunmore Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2026

Ideas for home
Follow our Facebook page 'Dunmore Primary School' for more updates on all that goes on at school!

Science – Earth and Space

- All about the **solar system** – the planets, the sun and the moon
- **Orbiting** and **rotation**
- Day and night
- Why **planets** are spherical
- All about **Nicolaus Copernicus**
- Planning and carrying out experiments

Your child may enjoy BBC bitesize to find out more



P.E. Gymnastics and Parkour

As the weather gets wetter, we will move some our PE lessons inside as we tackle **Gymnastics** and **Parkour.** We will focus on flow in our sequences.

Watch some parkour for kids videos on YouTube to give them some ideas about moves to try.

Geocaching is a great way to get children to understand map orientation. (There are loads around Abingdon)

History: Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greek **political system, trade, city states, wars,** the first **Olympics** and where it fits into the timeline of world history.
- The **belief** of Ancient Greeks.
- The Greek **alphabet** and how the **language** influenced our own.
- **Scholars** and **architecture**

Art – Clay pots

- **Researching Ancient Greek pots,** looking at their shapes and images.
- **Sketch** our own pot designs
- **Printing** our pot designs
- Shaping and decorating a Greek pot in **clay**

If you fancy a trip into Oxford: https://www.ashmolean.org/greece-gallery

Music – Sea Shanties

Ukulele Skills
- Learning and practising the chords of C and F, developing confidence with chord changes.
- Exploring and applying simple strumming patterns to accompany songs.

Computing – Video Production

- **Filming** (camera p.o.v.), zoom, pan, story boards, special effects, post production editing and how to be a film critic.

There are loads of good free movie making apps that can be downloaded to develop editing skills.

French – Sport and Countries

- Animals
- Countries
- Medals
- Sports



R.E. – Religions and world views

- Are **key religious figures** good role models for us today?
- What is **Humanism?** What are their key ideas? Who are some of the key figures in the development of Humanism?
- How important is it for us to have good role models to base our lives on?
- Who is your **role model** and why?

P.S.H.E. – Celebrating Differences

Our focus this term is on **celebrating differences.**

- Different cultures
- Racism
- Rumours and name calling
- Types of bullying
- Does money matter?

Two jokes and a riddle.

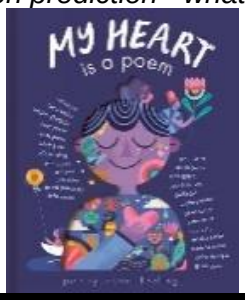
How do you put a baby astronaut to sleep?
You rocket!
Why haven't aliens come to our solar system?
They read the reviews: One Star!
I'm sometimes full but I never overflow. What am I?
The Moon.

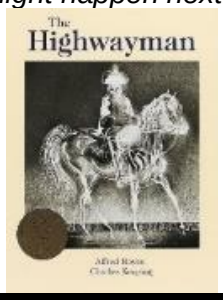
Great to be Inspired. Inspired to be Great.

English - Poetry

- Looking at different types of **poems** including performance poems using the book **My Heart is a Poem.**
- Writing our own poems.
- Studying **The Highwayman.**
- Writing from the **point of view of different** characters.
- **Predicting** what might happen next in the narrative.

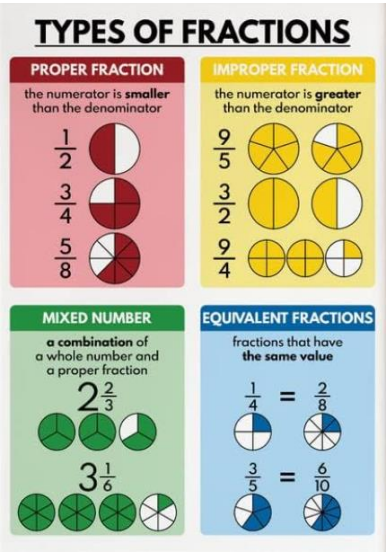
Please don't read 'The Highwayman' with your child in advance, as we will be doing some work on prediction - what might happen next!





Maths

- Multiples and factors
- Prime, composite, square and cubed numbers.
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Recognise and calculating equivalent fractions.
- Converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.
- Ordering and comparing fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.



Important Information

Homework	✓ **Spellings** and **times tables** will be tested each **Friday**. You should have a paper copy of these and you can find them on our Year Group page. ✓ Children will be expected to spend at least twenty minutes each week on **Times Tables Rockstars**. ✓ There are **links on our Year Five page** which you might find helpful to aid you with homework and what we'll be learning about this year.
PE	India Class: Tuesdays and Fridays Sri Lanka Class: Tuesday and Thursdays
Reading	Reading books will be changed as and when the children need to. The children are responsible for keeping a record of what they read in their reading records. They are expected to have **at least three entries** in their reading record each week, **at least one of which should be completed by an adult** who has listened to them read at home. These need to be in school **every Monday** to be looked at by the class teacher.

Requests to Parents

- Please make sure that all P.E. kits and clothes are labelled and that your child/ren are able to remove any jewellery. Please also remember that all earrings should be studs.
- Please read with your child regularly and discussing what they're reading. You can find helpful hints on how to support them here.

Key Dates

- ✓ 5th November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 5th November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ 9th November – Alexander Armstrong author visit
- ✓ Week beginning 9th November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 10th November - Parents' evening 4pm-7pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 16th November – Anti Bullying week
- ✓ 18th December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2027)