Dunmore Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2026

Ideas to try at home

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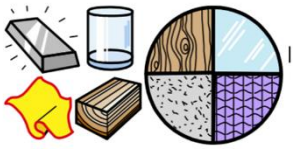
Science – Materials

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching
- Investigate famous scientists such as Charles Mackintosh who invented the raincoat



Geography - Island Explorers

In geography, we will be exploring the Galapagos Islands, their human and physical features, and their global positionality. We will be using a range of maps, aerial photographs, and other resources to explore what the Galapagos Islands are like. We will then compare and contrasts these islands to Abingdon.

Look at a map of Abingdon. Can you find Dunmore School? What other landmarks can you see?



PE – Netball and Mini Mui Tai

In P.E. we will be focusing on developing ball skills for netball, including passing, rules, and teamwork. We will also be learning some Muy Tai to improve our balance, cardiovascular strength, and control over our bodies. Throughout our PE lessons, we will continue to learn about sportsmanship, and why it is so important to be a team player.

Why not try Abingdon's Junior Parkrun!



Design & Technology – Christmas Stockings

In Design and Technology, we will be thinking about how to create a Christmas stocking. We will develop these skills:

- Sewing safely and precisely
- Designing an aesthetically pleasing stocking.
- Having resilience when learning new skills.
- Evaluating



Music – Pitch

- Copying a leader in call-and-response songs.
- Listening and moving in time to a song.
- Playing classroom instruments on the beat.



Computing – Digital Photography

In Computing, we will be exploring the composition of photography, and how we can use digital tools to edit and change our photos.



P.S.H.E – Celebrating Differences

In P.S.H.E., we will be thinking about:

- What is a stereotype?
- How can we prevent bullying?
- Celebrating diversity.
- Being a good friend.

R.E. - Christmas

In RE we will be learning more about Christmas. We will build on our learning from Year 1 and look at Advent, Christingles, Wise men, the star and the gifts. We will also have the opportunity to make Christingles this term!

Art – Mark Making

In Art, we will be exploring the artwork of Henri Matisse. We will:

- Learn about the artist the great artist Henri Matisse and create work inspired by his works using 'cut paper collage' 'The Snail'
- Make Christmas cards in the style of Matisse

Joke

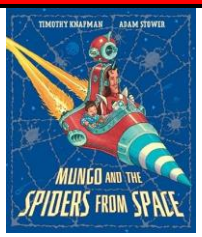
What did the sea say to the shore?

Nothing, it just waved!



Great to be Inspired. Inspired to be Great.

English – Adventure stories



We will reading a range of adventure stories this term including stories about Mungo! He gets up to all kinds of mischief.

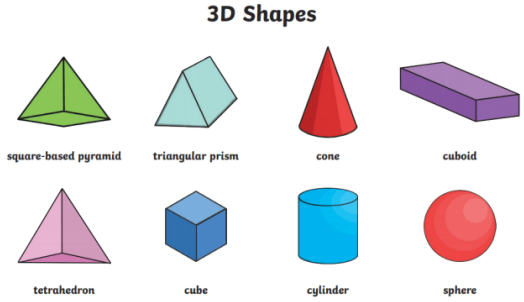
In our writing we will be focusing on:

- Exploring language to create exciting characters.
- Writing our own adventure story
- Using full stops, capital letters and question marks correctly.
- Using a range of adjectives to enhance the content of our writing.

Can you write a shopping list? Can you help write your family's Christmas cards and gift labels? Could you write the address on an envelope?

Maths

- Continue to learn and solidify our knowledge of 2s, 5s, and 10 times tables
- Begin to learn 3s and 4s.
- Understand how to use arrays and number line to solve multiplication questions.
- Understand how to use counting and number lines to solve division questions.
- Understand that multiplication is commutative (can be done in any order) eg 5 x 2 = 2 x 5
- Recognise, and identify the properties of, a range of 2D and 3D shapes.



Important Information

Reading Books	New books are sent home every **Friday**. Please make sure your child is reading with you at least **3 times each week**. Please sign their reading record each time. **Reading books and reading records need to come to school every day.**
Spelling Homework	Each Friday a list of spellings will be sent home in line with our phonics learning for the week. We will have a brief quiz on the following Friday to check these spellings.
Times Table Rockstars	Times Table Rock Stars is our main form of maths homework. We regularly have competitions for the whole class to participate in! In you need a new log-in, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.
PE	Monday and Friday Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.

What does my child need to bring to school?

Please bring a **water bottle** and **lunchbox** (unless your child has hot-school dinners).

Please bring an **appropriate coat** as the weather gets colder.

Please bring your **reading book** and **reading record**. Please bring your **PE kit**.

Polite reminder – please don't allow your child to bring toys or other items to school. Due to concerns about items being lost, we have limited bag keyrings to one per child.

Key Dates

- ✓ 5th November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 5th November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 9th November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 10th November - Parents' evening 4pm-7pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 16th November – Anti Bullying week
- ✓ Thursday 19th November Reading Open Morning 8.45 am – 9.45 am
- ✓ 18th December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2027)