

Dunmore Primary School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2026



Ideas to try at home



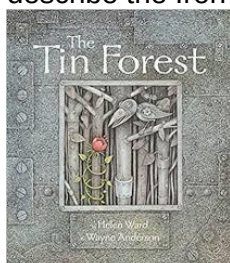
Science – Rocks and soil In science this term we will be: - Investigating the different types of rocks. - Sorting and grouping the rocks according to their properties. - Learning about how fossils are formed - Hands-on soil investigation 	P.E. - Tag rugby We will be focusing on: - Ball skills - Following instructions - Teamwork We will use these skills to play tag rugby. 
Geography - Caribbean We will be looking at: - Locating the world's continents and oceans using an atlas. - Where the Caribbean is and what islands it consists of. - Exploring St Lucia's physical geography as well as the climate.  Explore the Caribbean as a tourist destination	Art - Caribbean We will be using different art techniques as well as media to create self-portraits and lots of exciting artwork based on the Caribbean. 
Music – Rhythm and movement - Showing the shape of the pitch moving with actions - Listening and responding to pieces of music  Ask your child to sing 'Star light, star bright' showing the pitch with their hand	Computing - Identifying that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs, - Exploring how devices can be connected to make networks.
French - Pets - Family members - Basic counting 	R.E. - How and why do people worship We will be looking at the following questions: - What is most important to me in life? - How do I express my feelings and beliefs about what I think is important in my life? - What do religious people do in their worship? Why do they do this?
P.S.H.E. – Being me in my own world - Getting to know each other. - Making our school community a better place. - Discussing everyone's right to learn. - Considering other people's feeling 	Riddles  

English

Our driver texts for English lessons are 'The Tin Forest' and 'The Ironman'.

We will be:

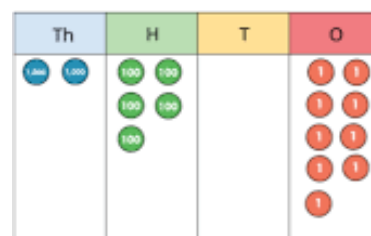
- Writing a description of the forest setting during the day and night.
- Using adjectives, metaphors and similes to describe the Iron man



Maths

In Maths we will be looking at:

- Representing and partitioning numbers to 100.
- Place value
- Comparing and ordering numbers to 1000
- Counting in 50s.
- Addition and subtraction



Important Information

Class Homework

- ✓ Times Table Rock Stars (**TTRS**) homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following **Friday**.
- ✓ **Spellings** to practise at home - the test will be every **Friday** (copies of spellings available on year group pages of website)
- ✓ Children should be reading daily at home and discussing their reading with an adult at least once a week. There should be a minimum of 3 entries a week in their **reading record**, at least one to be signed off by an adult. Reading records should come to school every **Monday** to be checked by the teacher.

PE

- ✓ Australia: Monday and Thursday
 - ✓ New Zealand: Wednesday and Thursday
- Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.

Reading books

- ✓ Children can change their reading books as needed during the school day. These can go home but do need to be brought into school every day.

Key Dates

- ✓ Week beginning 21st September: Music Flood Week
- ✓ Thursday 24th September: Individual/sibling photographs
- ✓ Friday 2nd October: Flu vaccinations in school
- ✓ Thursday 8th October: Coffee morning for parents on Curriculum
- ✓ Week beginning 19th October: International Week
- ✓ Friday 23rd October: Food Festival (more details to follow)
- ✓ Friday 23rd October: Last day of term, open classrooms for parents to visit from 2:50pm
- ✓ Tuesday 3rd November: Children back to school