# **Dunmore Primary School**

### Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2025





#### Science - Evolution and inheritance

- Understand how plants and animals are adapted to their habitats, through theory and practical work.
- Explore the concepts of natural selection and 'survival of the fittest'.
- Investigate and summarise the contributions of scientists throughout history, including Darwin and Wallace.
- Try the 'Life on Earth' series, free on iPlayer

#### P.E.

- Tag Rugby and football ball control skills and team tactics
- Gymnastics fluency and control of sequences and actions.
- watch a professional gymnast, football or Rugby player and consider their use of space!

## Geography & History - Egypt

We will start by concluding our geographical study of Egypt and the Nile, before embarking on a study of Egypt's ancient civilisation including:

- location and features of the Nile;
- journey of the Nile from source to mouth;
- The Nile Delta and its climate data.
- The pros and cons of the Aswan Dam
- The discovery of the tomb of **Tutankhamen** by Howard Carter and his team.
- Beliefs, death rituals and mummification.
- Lived experiences of Ancient Egyptians through artifacts and structures.

### Design & Technology - Shadufs

- Learn about shadufs what was their purpose?
- Generate ideas for a shaduf **design**.
- Work in a team to construct a working model shaduf, using a selection of tools and materials.
- Test and evaluate the success of our models.

## Music - Singing and performance

- Practising songs and instrumental pieces for our **carol service**.
- Singing together with a sense of performance and ensemble.
  - Ask members of your family which is their favourite Christmas carol or song

# Computing - Web page creation

- What makes a good web page?
- Identify key features before designing their own
- Learn to communicate responsibly on the internet.
- Play Interland Be Internet Awesome

#### French

- Nationalities
- Countries
- Medals and sports
- Share your 'Ooh la la' vocabulary and 'Sensational Sentences' with your family.

## R.E. - Are places of worship really needed?

- Why don't all members of a religious or nonreligious community believe and live in the same ways?
- Is it good to be part of a community? How do we benefit? Is it important to have a 'sense of community'? Can you think of examples?

# P.S.H.E. – Celebrating difference

- Try to **accept people** for who they are understanding that everyone is **unique**.
- Discuss ways to make people feel included in our work and play.
- Identify bullying situations and discuss ways to resolve problems.
- Use words as a positive power.

## Art – Egyptian figures

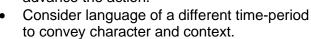
- Appraise Egyptian tomb paintings
- Study figures within Egyptian art
- Skills with acrylic paints
- Paint Egyptian figures onto papyrus

## **English** Maths

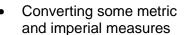
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Our class book is 'Howard and the Mummy' by Tracey Fern. We will use this to:

- Write from the point of view of a character
- Write a formal letter of complaint
- Continue a narrative about the discovery of the tomb to include dialogue between characters to advance the action.



- Solve multi-step problems
- Mental calculations and estimations
- Reasoning from known facts
- Equivalent fractions
- Comparing and ordering fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Adding mixed numbers
- Multiply fractions
- Divide fractions
- Fractions of amounts





Important Information	
Class Homework	<ul> <li>✓ 15 minutes of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each week – this will be checked on a Friday.</li> <li>✓ Spellings to practise at home - the test will be every Friday</li> <li>✓ Children should be reading daily at home and discussing their reading with an adult at least once a week.</li> <li>✓ Children should record their weekly homework in their planners. Planners should be signed by an adult at home each week and will be counter-signed by the class teacher on a Friday.</li> <li>✓ Keep working towards your goal of reading 100 books in Year 6!</li> </ul>
PE	<ul> <li>✓ Mauritius class: Monday and Friday</li> <li>✓ Madagascar class: Tuesday and Thursday</li> <li>✓ Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.</li> </ul>
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**

- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November Prayer space in school
- ✓ Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> November Bikeability (for children who have signed up to this scheme)
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> November Parents' evening 4pm-7pm, in person
- √ 4th December Year 6 Carol Service, St Helen's Church
- ✓ 19<sup>th</sup> December Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026)