

Dunmore Primary School

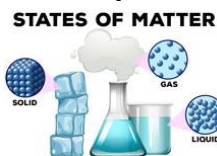
Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2026

 Ideas for home



Science – States of Matter

- Investigating properties of **solids, liquids and gases**
- Learning about **changes of state**, including scientific vocabulary
- Experiments** to investigate changes of state and see them in action!
- The Water Cycle**



 Perhaps you could have a look at some of these fun activities [Science Projects for Kids: States of Matter](#) | [HowStuffWorks](#)

P.E.

Mexico Class – swimming and gymnastics

- Swimming stroke techniques
- Improving strength and flexibility
- Balancing, jumping, linking movements
- Performing sequences

Canada Class - gymnastics and football

- Improving strength and flexibility
- Balancing, jumping, linking movements
- Performing sequences
- Dribbling and passing skills

 Your child might like to try [Junior Park Run](#)

Geography – Norway

- Locating Nordic** countries and explore the climate
- Compare and contrast Oslo with London**
- What are **fjords**? We will be finding out!
- Who are the **Sami people**?



 Use Street View on Google maps to explore Oslo.

Art – Quentin Blake

- Exploring the **style** and **techniques** of the illustrator, Quentin Blake
- Recreate characters using Blake's techniques.
- Use of pencils, water colours and graphic pens

 How many book titles can you find that Quentin Blake has illustrated? Have a go at copying one of his drawings together.



Music - Recorder Fundamentals

- Correct technique of recorder holding and producing a sound
- Notes B A G
- Reading rhythm notation (ta, ti-ti, rest)

Computing – The Internet

- Recognising the internet as **networks of networks**
- Exploring terms and meanings, including WWW.
- Evaluating if websites are reliable and trustworthy.

 Have a look at [Keeping children safe](#)

French – Animals

- Recalling 0-20 from last year
- Colours
- Days of the week

 Enjoy a French version of [I can Sing a Rainbow](#)

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

- What are the places of worship in the religions called and how are they used?
- What **features** are found in different places of worship and what are they used for?
- What **role** do places of worship play in the lives of individuals and faith communities?

P.S.H.E. – Who am I and how do I fit?

- Know how individual attitudes and actions make a difference to a class
- Different roles in the school community, and where we all fit
- Know how groups can work together

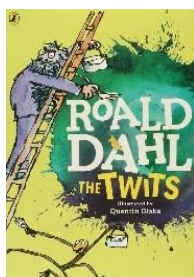
Roald Dahl fact!

Roald Dahl was incredibly creative and came up with more than 500 new words and character names, such as **scrumdiddlyumptious**, **snozzcumbers** and **froboscottle**! Do you know how many books Roald Dahl wrote?

English

We will be diving into the gruesome and wacky world of 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. We will use this book to:

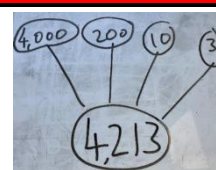
- Describe characters
- Act out scenes from the book
- Write a **narrative**, including **dialogue**



We will then learn about biography writing using 'Little people, Big dreams' and other texts, to write a **biography**, using **apostrophes, pronouns and paragraphs**.

Maths

- Partition numbers up to 10, 000

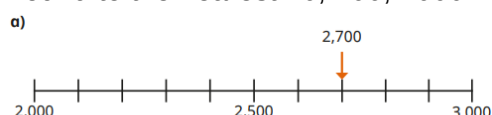


- Order and compare numbers up to 10, 000

Write $<$, $>$ or $=$ to compare the numbers.

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	1	4	9	0		2	0	7	5

- Round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000



2,700 rounded to the nearest 1,000 is

- Addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers with exchanging

Important Information

Class Homework

- ✓ [Times Table Rock Stars \(TTRS\)](#) homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following **Friday**. Your child might enjoy playing [Hit The Button](#) to help with their times tables.
- ✓ **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 **Friday** to be checked by the teacher.

PE

- ✓ Mexico Class: Monday (swimming from 21st Sept) and Wednesday
 - ✓ Canada Class: Monday and Tuesday
- Please ensure that PE kits are suitable for indoor and outdoor PE, and 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

- ✓ Monday 14th September – Roald Dahl Day (Year 4 children can dress as a Roald Dahl character)
- ✓ Monday 21st September – Swimming starts for Mexico Class
- ✓ Week beginning Monday 21st September – Music Flood Week
- ✓ Wednesday 30th September – Year 4 trip to Discover Bucks Museum Roald Dahl Gallery
- ✓ Tuesday 13th October 6:30pm – **Stone Farm Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents**
- ✓ Friday 23rd October – International week Open Classroom and Food Festival (further details to follow) – **parents welcome in classrooms from 2.50pm**
- ✓ Tuesday 3rd November – Pupils return to school