

Dunmore Primary School



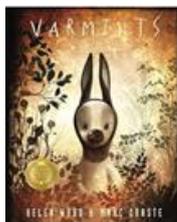
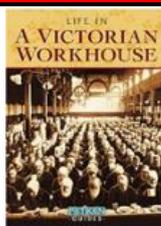
Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2 2026

 Ideas for home

Science – Forces	P.E. Dance and invasion games
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know about Galileo Galieli and his contributions to science. Investigate the effects of friction. Know how levers, pulleys and gears work and are used. recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. <p> Forces of Nature with Brian Cox is a really interesting series to watch.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing Flag Football, including tactics in small sided games before then comparing those tactics to small sided football (Soccer) games and look at other invasion games. Dance units looking at both Greek and Victorian dancing as well as breakdancing. <p>Brush up on your dance techniques by using JustDance if you have it as well as following some of the traditional dances online.</p>
History – Victorians	DT – Bridges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about Victorian children at work Understanding why so many people migrated to cities and towns during the Victorian era Abingdon Railway and its impact on the town. Using census information to answer questions about Victoria life experiences The suffragettes and their impact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore how pillars and beams are used to span gaps. explore ways in which arches are used to strengthen bridges. understand how suspension bridges are able to span long distances develop criteria and design a prototype bridge for a purpose.
Music – Ukulele	Computing – Flat File Database
<p>Ukulele skills (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and playing notes A, B, C, E, F Consolidating rhythms with crotchet, quavers, minims and crotchet rests 'Elise' and '12-bar uke blues' <p> Listen to 'Somewhere over the rainbow' by Israel Kamakawiwo'Ole here and compare it with the Wizard of Oz version here</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know what a flat file database is before having a go and making and testing our own. <p> If you're not sure what that is but you want to look knowledgeable when your child starts asking you about it then please have look here 😊</p>
French – Events, seasons, sports	R.E. – Pilgrimages
<p>We will learn how the French celebrate different events-St Patrick's Day, Easter and the Easter story. We will be retrieving our knowledge of counting to 100, alongside how to count in 1000's. The Paralympics, seasons and the weather.</p>	<p>Have you been on a life-changing journey? Why do people go on pilgrimages? How might a pilgrimage change the pilgrim? What gives meaning and purpose to life? We will also be looking at Easter and asking: Why is Easter important to Christians?</p>
P.S.H.E. – Healthy Me	Victorian Abingdon interesting facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The health risks of smoking and alcohol. Basic emergency aid procedures e How media and celebrity culture promotes certain body types. Attitudes people have towards food and how external influences affect this. Know about healthy lifestyles including healthy eating and the choices that we can make to be healthy and happy. 	<p>In 1835, a workhouse was built. You can one of it's boundary walls if you visit Boxh There was a train station in Abingdon betw 1856 and 1963.</p> <p>Learn more about our local history!</p> 

English – Fiction and non-fiction

- We will be researching and writing up about Victorian workhouses using **A life in a Victorian Workhouse** by Paul Higginbotham.
- We will then look at **Varmints** by Helen Ward and Craste to produce some creative writing and develop awareness of word choices made by the authors and expressing points of view.



 Fancy some SPaG fun?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbm8scw>

Maths – fractions and decimals

We will be investigating decimals and percentages:

- Equivalent fractions as decimals.
- Thousandths fractions as decimals.
- Thousandths as decimal fractions.
- Rounding, comparing and ordering.
- We will be investigating area and perimeter of polygons.
- We will also be interpreting graphs and tables of information.

Important Information

Homework

- ✓ **Spellings** 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**. Ideally, they should be spending a short time each day on there.
- ✓ 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: Mondays and Fridays.
 Sri Lanka: Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Reading books

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**.

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. For more ideas [see this document](#).

Key Dates

- ✓ 3rd March – visit to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke
- ✓ 4th March - Coffee Morning for parents of children with EAL 09:00 - 10:00
- ✓ 9th March - Parent workshop on Assessment (join us 9am or 6pm)
- ✓ 11th March – Watching Arabian Nights at John Mason School
- ✓ 11th March - Sri Lanka assembly
- ✓ 17th March – Watching Primary Playmaker plays at The Playhouse in Oxford
- ✓ 18th March - India assembly
- ✓ 23rd March – Victorian Day
- ✓ 24th March – watching Frozen at Fitzharrys School