


Dunmore Primary School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2025



Ideas for home

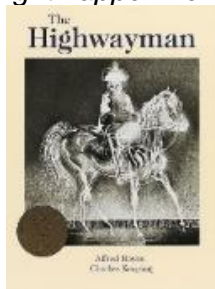
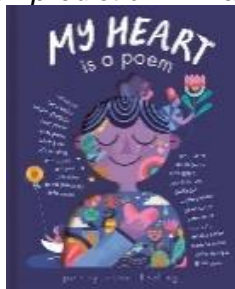


Science – Earth and Space	P.E. Gymnastics and Parkour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All about the solar system – the planets, the sun and the moon Orbiting and rotation Day and night Why planets are spherical All about Nicolaus Copernicus Planning and carrying out experiments <p> Your child may enjoy BBC bitesize to find out more</p> 	<p>As the weather gets wetter, we will move some of our PE lessons inside as we tackle Gymnastics and Parkour. We will focus on flow in our sequences.</p> <p> Watch some parkour for kids videos on YouTube to give them some ideas about moves to try.</p> <p> Geocaching is a great way to get children to understand map orientation. (There are loads around Abingdon)</p>
History: Ancient Greece	Art – Clay pots
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ancient Greek political system, trade, city states, wars, the first Olympics and where it fits into the timeline of world history. The belief of Ancient Greeks. The Greek alphabet and how the language influenced our own. Scholars and architecture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching Ancient Greek pots, looking at their shapes and images. Sketch our own pot designs Printing our pot designs Shaping and decorating a Greek pot in clay <p> If you fancy a trip into Oxford: https://www.ashmolean.org/greece-gallery</p>
Music – Sea Shanties	Computing – Video Production
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating class arrangements of a sea shanty Composing body percussion and cup patterns to accompany a sea shanty Writing these out using rhythm grids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filming (camera p.o.v.), zoom, pan, story boards, special effects, post production editing and how to be a film critic. <p> There are loads of good free movie making apps that can be downloaded to develop editing skills.</p>
French – Sport and Countries	R.E. – Religions and world views
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count up to 100 and in 10's. Names of some countries Some of the Olympics-judo, hockey, cycling, basketball, volleyball, bronze, silver and gold medal Learning more about French facts, locations, songs and the culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are key religious figures good role models for us today? What is Humanism? What are their key ideas? Who are some of the key figures in the development of Humanism? How important is it for us to have good role models to base our lives on? Who is your role model and why?
P.S.H.E. – Celebrating Differences	Two jokes and a riddle.
<p>Our focus this term is on celebrating differences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different cultures Racism Rumours and name calling Types of bullying Does money matter? 	<p>How do you put a baby astronaut to sleep? <i>You rocket!</i></p> <p>Why haven't aliens come to our solar system? <i>They read the reviews: One Star!</i></p> <p>I'm sometimes full but I never overflow. What am I? <i>The Moon.</i></p>

English - Poetry

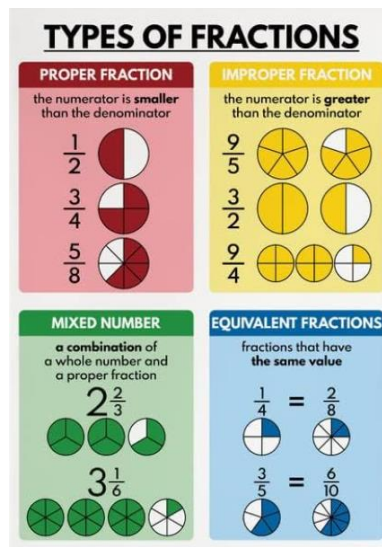
- Looking at different types of **poems** including performance poems using the book **My Heart is a Poem**.
- Writing our own poems.
- Studying **The Highwayman**.
- Writing from the **point of view of different** characters.
- Predicting** what might happen next in the narrative.

Please don't read 'The Highwayman' with your child in advance, as we will be doing some work on prediction - what might happen next!



Maths

- Multiples and factors
- Prime, composite, square and cubed numbers.
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Recognise and calculating equivalent fractions.
- Converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa.
- Ordering and comparing fractions.
- Adding and subtracting fractions.



Important Information

Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spellings and times tables 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. ✓ 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 Class: Mondays and Fridays Sri Lanka Class: Tuesday and Wednesdays
Reading	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 to be looked at by the class teacher.

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. You can find helpful hints on how to support them [here](#).

Key Dates

- ✓ 6th November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 6th November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 10th November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 11th November - Parents' evening 4pm-7pm, in person
- ✓ 19th December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026)