

Dunmore Primary School



Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2 2026

 Ideas for home

Science – light and sight	P.E.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finish the electricity unit from last term• We will gain an understanding of how the eye sees images.• Explore reflection and refraction.• Use prisms to learn about the light spectrum; understand how white light is made up of many colours.• Explore the physics of how light travels. <p> Have a go at making a shadow puppet and put on a show for your family.</p>	<p>Our outdoor P.E. will build on our invasion games skills, with a focus on hockey. Children will practise skills to help them maintain territory and possession. Indoor sessions will focus on dance inspired by our history topic.</p> <p>Please ensure that full P.E. kits – including trainers – are in school all week.</p>
History – a wartime childhood	DT – electronics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the impact of the Second World War on children and their families.• Understand why children were evacuated and where they were evacuated to.• Recognise areas of the country that were targeted by bombing raids and understand the effect of the Blitz.• Know about Operation Pied Piper.• Look at a range of historical sources. <p> Talk to your family about their connection to the war – do you know of relatives who lived through it? Can you find any photos?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about electronic games• Generate ideas for an electronic game design.• Work in a team to construct a working version of our game, using a selection of circuit components. <p>Test and evaluate the success of our games.</p> 
Music – music in Britain since 1930	Computing – spreadsheets
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music in Britain during the Second World War• Traditional Second World War songs and move to a piece of swing music• Learn how the sounds of WWII can be shown and performed in a graphic score• Big Bands and swing music during the 1930s and 1940s <p> Enjoy this Strictly performance featuring a Big Band tune from 1937.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answering questions by using spreadsheets to organise and calculate data.• The children will learn to create their own spreadsheets including applying simple formulas.
French - colours, days and months	R.E. - ethics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss seasons and the weather in French• Identify and name body parts <p> Can you apply your Olympic county and medals knowledge to the Winter Olympics?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do religious and non-religious worldviews suggest about how people should live their lives?• How can humans live well together?• How do different people decide what is right and wrong? Are there consequences for their actions?
P.S.H.E. – Healthy Me	Interesting fact!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take responsibility for my health and well-being• Understand how to manage stress and pressure• Understand how my choices could affect my mental and physical well-being.	<p>The light we see on Earth is a form of energy from the Sun. It travels through space and takes just over eight minutes to reach us. What could you do in eight minutes?</p>

English	Maths
<p>To tie in with our history topic, we will analyse and focus on the formal language of government speeches. Through this we will see how language has evolved. We will then explore diary entries, recounts and letters from evacuees, to gain a first-hand understanding of children's experiences of wartime.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing preparation for SATs, we will revise key SPAG skills, including prefixes, suffixes, antonyms and synonyms. Our sentence craft activities will focus on higher-level punctuation and syntax.</p>	<p>The majority of the term will be spent on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifying and ordering fractions and decimals. • Adding and subtraction fractions. • Multiplying fractions. • Dividing fractions by whole numbers. <p>We will also revisit geometry skills: 2D and 3D shapes; regular and irregular shapes; measuring and drawing angles using a protractor; finding missing angles.</p> <p>We will continue to practise arithmetic strategies each week.</p> 

Important Information

Class Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 15 minutes of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each week ✓ Spellings to practise at home - the test will be every Friday ✓ Children should be reading daily at home and discussing their reading with an adult at least once a week. ✓ 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. ✓ Keep working towards your goal of reading 100 books in Year 6! ✓ Continue with CGP revision guides
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mauritius: Monday and Friday ✓ Madagascar: Tuesday and Thursday ✓ Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Children can change their reading books as needed during the school day. These can go home but do need to be brought into school daily.

Key Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tuesday 3rd March: Tiny Hercules author event ✓ Thursday 5th March: World Book Day ✓ Thursday 12th March: Parents' Evening 15.30-17.30 (not Madagascar) ✓ Tuesday 17th March: Parents' Evening 16.00-19.00 (all classes) ✓ Thursday 19th March: Parents' Evening (Madagascar only) ✓ Friday 27th March: end of term, 13.30 ✓ Monday 13th April: Summer term 1 begins
