Dunmore Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2025



Ideas for home



Science – Weather and Seasons

- Observing and naming different types of weather
- Gathering data about day length and how it changes
- Looking at the features of each season

Your child may enjoy the following

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLIWkh E7YCq

P.E. – Gymnastics/Dance

- Perform various shapes, basic jump, bunny hop (hands first, then feet) and tuck roll.
- **Perform** a simple **balance** and hold it for 3 seconds.
- Creating and performing sequences of movements, listening to the music and moving in time to it.

Geography – Seasons in the UK

- Recognise the earth as a globe and locate the **UK**
- Locate hot and cold areas/ climates of the world in relation the equator and poles
- Look at the seasonal weather patterns of the UK and make simple predictions about





Music – Beat & Rhythm

- Marking the **beat** of songs with actions
- **Synchronising** with a partner
- Making up **new words** to a song

the weather.



Ask your child to sing and tap the beat of the following songs and rhymes: Chop, chop; Oliver Twist; Pease pudding hot.

P.S.H.E. – Celebrating Difference

Question- what makes you unique?

- **Identify similarities and differences** between yourself and your friends and value the ways in which you are unique.
- **Learn what bullying is** and how it might make a person feel.
- Acknowledge the importance of using kind words, including giving and receiving compliments.

Art - Shape and colour

- Describe shape, colour and print with Autumn leaves
- Respond to art created by others, such as Paul Klee 'castle and sun'.
- Explore print making techniques, including using objects, sponges and potatoes.



Fun fact

Did you know... When it's winter here, it's summer in some other countries! Can you find out where?

Can you find a Christmas joke and share it with your teachers?

R.E. - Christmas Story

- What did the angel/s do in the Christmas story? Why were they important?
- Who were Mary and Joseph?
- Who visited Mary?
- What did the Shepherds do?

Your child may enjoy going to a local carol or Christingle service to hear more of the Christmas story.

English

Our class books this term are:

'Little Glow' by Katie Sahota, 'Paperdolls' by Julia Donaldson, 'The Oak Tree' by Julia Donaldson, 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers, 'Twas the night before Christmas' Clement C Moore, a range of Winter Poems and 'Stickman' by

Julia Donaldson.

We will use these to:

Discuss the significance of the title and events – becoming familiar with key stories.



- Participate in discussions, presentations and performances.
- Compose a sentence orally before writing.
- Read writing clearly enough to be heard by our peers and the teacher.
- Punctuate sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops.
- Listen to and discuss a range of poems.

Maths

Solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction using concrete objects and pictorial representations.



- Use number bond knowledge to solve missing number problems 3 + ? = 10
- Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes, including 2D shapes (rectangles, square, circle, triangle) and 3D shapes (cubes, cuboids, spheres and pyramids)
- Use the correct vocabulary to describe the properties of 2D shapes (sides, corners, flat) and 3D shapes (faces, edges, vertices, solid).

Important Information	
Class Homework	 ✓ Spellings to practise at home given out each week and tested every Friday. ✓ Children should be reading daily at home and verbally answering the questions at the end of their book. Reading records should be filled in at least 3 times per week.
PE	✓ PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.
Reading books	✓ Reading books are changed on Mondays. Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day.

Requests to Parents

- Please encourage your child to dress and undress themselves independently.
- Please name everything, including hats and gloves during the colder weather.

Key Dates

- ✓ 4th November 9.30am Talk from our local Police for Year 1
- ✓ 6th November Open morning for current parents
- ✓ 6th November Parents' evening 3.30pm 5.30pm
- √ 7th November Denise Beaumont, author visit for KS1
- ✓ Week beginning 10th November Prayer space in school
- ✓ 11th November Parents' evening 4pm to 7pm
- ✓ 19th November Open morning for prospective parents
- ✓ 26th November EAL coffee morning 8:45 9:45am (parents with English as Additional Language)
- ✓ 10th December Year 1 Nativity performance to parents 2.15pm (further details closer to the time).
- ✓ Week beginning 15th December Christmas parties (further details closer to the time).
- ✓ 19th December Term finishes at 1.30pm (Term restarts on Tuesday 6th January at 8.45am).