




# Dunmore Primary School

## Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2025



Our Themes this Term	Communication and Language
<p>Celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonfire Night</li> <li>Remembrance Day</li> </ul>  <p>Dinosaurs</p>  <p>Christmas</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We love sharing stories with the children and spend a lot of time talking about new vocabulary through our books.</li> <li>We are helping the children to become good listeners, both to their teachers and their peers.</li> <li>We enjoy using rhymes, poems and songs.</li> <li>We are learning to follow simple instructions.</li> </ul>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<p>This term we will be celebrating the differences between us. We will help the children to learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepting each other</li> <li>Being kind</li> <li>Including everyone</li> <li>Giving and receiving compliments</li> </ul>	<p><u>Fine motor skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holding a pencil using tripod grip</li> <li>Regular mark making practice</li> <li>Cutting skills</li> <li>Dough activities</li> </ul> <p><u>Gross motor skills:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor play available whatever the weather</li> <li>Building, climbing, balancing</li> <li>PE lessons using the apparatus to find different ways to travel.</li> </ul>
Literacy	Mathematics
<p>Daily phonics sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognising sounds (<i>look out on Tapestry for which sounds we are learning each week</i>)</li> <li>Reading words and sentences</li> <li>Letter formation</li> <li>Segmenting words for spelling</li> </ul> <p>Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. This is so important and makes all the difference to how quickly the children progress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognising circles and triangles</li> <li>Recognising shapes with 4 sides</li> <li>Working with numbers to 5</li> </ul> <p>We have set a challenge for the children to find numbers when they are out and about in their environments. <i>We would love to see photos of the children when they find a particular number (e.g. house number/on a car number plate/on some packaging) Upload your photos to Tapestry so we can use them in school.</i></p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Celebrations and Christmas themes will help us to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.</li> <li>Our Dinosaur theme will help us to talk about life in the past and talk about how the natural world has changed over time.</li> <li>We will explore key historical events connected to Firework Night and Remembrance Day.</li> </ul>	<p>Through all our themes we aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a variety of artistic effects such as paint, pastels and chalk.</li> <li>We will be mixing colours to create firework pictures.</li> <li>Sing songs related to our themes.</li> <li>We will explore how music is used around the world to help people celebrate. We will listen to celebration music and talk about how it makes us feel.</li> </ul>

## Important Information

<b>Reading Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Please make sure you read with your child <b>at least</b> 3 times a week – more if you can! Don't forget to look out for the Target reading books online as well as the reading book your child brings home on a Friday.</li><li>✓ Please ensure you sign the reading record each time you read at home.</li><li>✓ Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school every day so that we can read in class with the children and change books regularly.</li></ul>
<b>PE</b>	We will soon be starting to change for PE so please make sure your child has a PE kit on their peg. All items in the bag should be named.

### Requests to Parents

- PLEASE make sure that all items of clothes are named!
- Please remember that we only allow water in water bottles. The children may bring a different drink for their lunch.
- As the weather gets colder, please make sure the children have enough warm clothes to enable them to play outside. Boots are essential during the winter months.
- Thank you for all your support getting the children into school happily in the morning. Our aim is for all parents to say goodbye to their children at the door rather than entering the school building. We appreciate your support with this.

## Key Dates

- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November – Open morning for parents 9 – 10am
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' evening 4pm to 7pm
- ✓ 26<sup>th</sup> November - EAL coffee morning 8:45 - 9:45am (parents with English as Additional Language)
- ✓ 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol Service at Christchurch.
- ✓ 19<sup>th</sup> December - Term finishes at 1.30pm (Term restarts on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am).