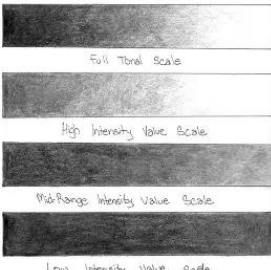


Dunmore Primary School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2026

 Ideas to try at home



Science – evolution and inheritance	P.E.
- Understand how plants and animals are adapted to their habitats, through theory (Darwin's theory of evolution) and practical work. - Explore inherited and acquired traits in humans.  Try the 'Life on Earth' series, free on iPlayer	Outdoor Adventurous Activities (OAA) including team-building games and orienteering activities. Long distance running and cross-country.  How many steps can you do in a day? Set a family challenge and see who can get the highest score!
Geography – Egypt	Art
Set the scene for our history topic: - identify Egypt and where it is in relation to Europe; - understand the location and features of the Nile; - describe the journey of the River Nile from source to mouth; - explore The Delta area of the Nile using climate data. 	Inspired by our text driver, <i>Black Dog</i>, we will practise the following skills: - exploring pencils and mark-making; - sketching realistic fur; - Black Dog features in close-up; - Black Dog final sketches, framed in a tight space (windows, keyholes, pipes). 
Music – Latin dance	Computing – working collaboratively
- Listen to a range of Latin American pieces, understanding influences on the music. - Sing syncopated rhythms. - Play a part on ukuleles as part of a whole-class performance. - Improvise percussive drum rhythms.	- Explore how data is transferred by working collaboratively online. - Learn to communicate responsibly on the internet. - Practise word-processing and typing skills.  Play Interland - Be Internet Awesome
French	R.E. - diversity
Add to our sound wall and build our confidence with <i>ooh la la</i> vocab and <i>sensational</i> sentences relating to: - ordering food and drink - fruits and vegetables - Halloween  Next time someone in your family has a birthday, wish them 'joyeux anniversaire!'	Our key questions is: why don't all members of a religious or non-religious community believe and live in the same ways? - Exploring our worldview. - Considering different views, beliefs and traditions.
P.S.H.E. – being me in my world	Maths joke
- Identify goals for the year. - Understand fears and worries about the future. - Know that there are universal rights for all children.	How do you transform 7 into an even number? <i>Answer: Just remove the 's'!</i>

English	Maths
We will start the year by exploring our feelings about Year 6 and composing a short internal monologue. Our text driver for the term is <i>Black Dog</i> by Levi Pinfold. We will use this to: - develop our skills in description and creating atmosphere, using figurative language - understand how effective sentences can be structured - experimenting with the effects created by varying sentence length - writing poetry and narratives.	- Reading and writing integers to 10,000,000 - Order and compare numbers up to 10, 000,000 - Explore the properties of numbers, including prime, composite, factors, multiples, square and cube - Test rules of divisibility - Revise strategies and application of the four operations to solve problems. - Continued practice of arithmetic strategies.  Where's the Squares? and Find the primes!

Important Information	
Class Homework	✓ 15 minutes of Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each week – this will be checked on a Friday. ✓ 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!
PE	✓ Mauritius: Wednesday and Friday ✓ Madagascar: Wednesday and Friday ✓ Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.
Reading books	✓ Children can change their reading books as needed during the school day. These can go home but do need to be brought into school every day.
Key Dates	
✓ Friday 11th September: voting for House and Vice Captains ✓ Week beginning 21st September: Music Flood Week ✓ Thursday 24th September: individual/sibling photographs ✓ Wednesday 30th September: Mauritius class assembly ✓ Friday 2nd October: flu vaccinations in school ✓ Wednesday 7th October: Madagascar class assembly ✓ Thursday 8th October: Coffee morning for parents on Curriculum ✓ Week beginning 19th October: International Week ✓ Friday 23rd October: Food Festival (more details to follow) ✓ Friday 23rd October: last day of term, open classrooms for parents to visit from 2:50pm ✓ Tuesday 3rd November: Children back to school	

Great to be Inspired. Inspired to be Great.