

Dunmore Primary School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2 2026



Our Themes this Term	Communication and Language
<p>Superheroes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special people in our community who help us. • How have these roles changed through history? • What are our super powers? How can we use them to help others? <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature walk to look for signs of Spring. • What changes happen at the end of winter? <p>Easter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about different beliefs and that people celebrate special times in different ways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to share stories with the children looking for new vocabulary and experiences. • We will build on our listening skills as we explore books, videos, photographs and artefacts. • We enjoy using rhymes, poems and songs. • We love to give the children the chance to share their experiences with each other. Please use Tapestry to show photos of special things they have done at home.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<p>The theme for this term is Healthy Me. We will be looking at ways to keep ourselves safe and healthy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise • Rest • Healthy food • The importance of sleep • Keeping clean • Safe adults 	<p>Fine motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding a pencil using tripod grip • Regular letter formation practice • Cutting skills • Dough Disco to strengthen hand muscles <p>Gross motor skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor play available whatever the weather • Building, climbing, balancing • PE lessons – developing ball skills.
Literacy	Mathematics
<p>Daily phonics sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising sounds (look out on Tapestry for which sounds we are learning each week) • Reading words and sentences • Letter formation • Segmenting words for spelling <p>We will also continue with our Drawing Club activities, using books as stimulus for our writing.</p>	<p>This term our number work will include all numbers to 10. We will practice recognising the numbers in different representations, writing them, and ordering them. We will find ways to make the numbers and practice adding and subtracting.</p> <p>We will be measuring length, height and time and exploring 3D shapes.</p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will look at special people in our community and think about the roles those people carry out. • We will find out how these special jobs have changed over time. • We will spend lots of time in our outdoor environment, looking at changes that happen in Spring. • We will find out how Easter is celebrated around the world. 	<p>Our main project at the start of term will be to design and create superhero capes. We will then be looking at how colours can reflect emotions. We will do some observational drawings of spring flowers and will create some Easter craft. We will continue to use songs and music as part of our daily routine and will use drama to retell stories.</p>

Important Information

Reading Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Please make sure you read with your child at least 3 times a week – we really notice the children getting this support from home, they make much quicker progress in their reading.✓ Please ensure you sign the reading record each time you read at home.✓ Please make sure your child's book comes to school every day so that we can read with the children regularly and change books each week.✓ The words we are learning this term are: we, he, she, be, me, my, you, they, are all, was, her.
PE	Our PE day is Friday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. The bag and everything in it must be named please!
Forest School	We are looking forward to swapping the groups over for Forest School this term. You will be sent a reminder if your child is due to attend Forest School this term. Please make sure you send your child in warm, old clothes on their day and be prepared for them to need a bath when they get home! The children need a bag of spare clothes to change into after Forest School as they are often very wet and muddy.

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.
- Please make sure the children have enough warm clothes to enable them to play outside. Boots are essential for our outdoor area.
- Please note that our **doors open at 8:45** and all children should be here ready for us to lock the gates at 8:55. Please help us to keep the children safe by arriving on time.

Key Dates

- ✓ 25th February – Radley Zoo visiting
- ✓ 4th March – Weights and measures
- ✓ 12th March - Parents' Evening 15:30 - 17:30
- ✓ 17th March - Parents' Evening 16:00 - 19:00
- ✓ 20th March - Non-uniform day in return for Easter hamper donation
- ✓ 27th March – End of term, school will close at 1.30pm today!