



Dunmore Primary School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2025



Our Themes this Term	Communication and Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none">All About Me!Traditional TalesHarvestAutumn  	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We love sharing stories with the children and spend a lot of time talking about new vocabulary through our books.We are helping the children to become good listeners, both to their teachers and their peers.We enjoy using rhymes, poems and songs.Please share special photos on Tapestry so that we can talk about them in school.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Our first theme for PSED is 'Being me in my world'.We will be thinking about our families and friends.We will talk about how we are feeling and learn to express our emotions in a safe way.	<p>Fine motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Holding a pencil using tripod gripRegular mark making practiceCutting skillsDough activities <p>Gross motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outdoor play available whatever the weatherBuilding, climbing, balancingPE lessons using the apparatus to find different ways to travel.
Literacy	Mathematics
<p>Daily phonics sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recognising sounds (<i>look out on Tapestry for which sounds we are learning each week</i>)Reading words and sentencesLetter formationSegmenting words for spelling <p>Please be ready to support your children with their reading at home. This is so important and makes all the difference to the how quickly the children progress.</p>	<p>In line with the rest of the school, we follow the White Rose Maths programme.</p> <p>This term we will be covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matching and sortingPatterns and measuresIt's me, 1,2,3! <p>We will use Tapestry to give you more detail about our maths each week.</p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none">We will be using our senses to explore changes that happen in Autumn.We will be thinking about our families and how we have changed over time.We will be learning the days of the week and thinking about the terms 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'.We will be thinking about curiosity and will encourage the children to ask and answer questions.	<p>Through all our themes we aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use a variety of artistic effects such as paint, pastels and chalk.We will be painting self-portraits.We love singing and will sing songs related to our themes.

Important Information

Reading Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ In a few weeks time, we will start to send reading books home. Please help us to look after the books and send them back to school using the book bags.✓ We expect you to read with your child 3 times each week.✓ Please ensure you sign the reading record each time you read at home.✓ Please make sure the book comes to school each day so that we can read with the children and change books when needed.
PE	Our PE day is Thursday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. The bag and everything in it must be named please!

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.
- A raincoat and pair of wellies is very important as we will try to use outside even in the rain!
- Please send in any unwanted pairs of socks or tights for our collection. We don't have many spares left and will be needing them in the wetter weather.

Key Dates

- ✓ Thursday 25th September – Individual school photographs
- ✓ Wednesday 1st October - KS1/EYFS Open Doors: Phonics/Reading and Maths 9am & 2:15pm
- ✓ Wednesday 8th October - Coffee morning for parents of service children
- ✓ Thursday 16th October - Reading Open Morning (KS1 and EYFS)
- ✓ Wednesday 22nd October - Coffee morning for parents of children with SEND
- ✓ Friday 24th October – Term finishes at 3:15pm (Pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November)