



# Dunmore School

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that you are ready for a hardworking and exciting school year. We have many interesting and exciting opportunities planned before Christmas, as detailed below.

#### **An overview of our term**

##### **Geography**

We will be finding out about the Caribbean. We will be looking at where these islands are, what the landscape and climate is like and comparing life there with the UK. If you have any links to the Caribbean please let us know as we'd love to learn more from you.

##### **Science**

In Science, we will be focusing on rocks and soil. We will study different types of rock, their properties, use and absorbency- as well as what soil is made of and how fossils are formed.

##### **English**

In English, we will be reading adventure stories linked to pirates and The Caribbean. We will be writing character and setting descriptions and then, move on to creating our own adventure stories.

Guided Reading will be taught daily in groups. SPaG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) will be taught discretely with weekly spelling tests.

##### **Maths**

This term in Maths, we will be beginning with a focus on Place Value and then move on to Addition and Subtraction.

We will continuing with TTRS and also have weekly times table tests.

##### **Art**

We will be using different art techniques as well as media to create self portraits and lots of exciting artwork based on the Caribbean.

##### **Computing**

Identifying that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs, and how devices can be connected to make networks.

##### **PSHE**

Our PSHE focus will be (Being Me in My World) 'Who am I and how do I fit?'

##### **French**

In French, we will be practising basic greetings and names.

##### **R.E**

In R.E, we will be looking at the question 'How and why do people worship?' We will consider the way that multiple people live their lives. Having a focus question leads to great discussions.

##### **P.E**

We will be focusing on developing our ball skills. We will specifically be looking at the rules and skills used in tag rugby.

Both classes will have P.E. lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday.

##### **Music**

We will be learning songs linked to our Caribbean theme.

Please ensure that your child has a full labelled PE kit in school on these days

Important Information	
Homework	<p><b>Reading</b> The children should read daily. They should have at least three entries in the reading record per week including one adult signature.</p> <p><b>Maths-</b> set on Fridays 15 minutes weekly: Times Table Rock Stars 15 minutes weekly: Education City</p> <p><b>Friday Tests</b> There will be weekly spellings and times tables to learn for a test on a Friday.</p>
<p><b>Requests of and information for parents:</b></p> <p>Reading with your child regularly, both listening to them read or sharing a book together, will help to foster an enjoyment of reading that will help both their reading and writing skills and confidence.</p> <p>In Year Three, snacks will no longer be provided for your child. Please make sure that they have a labelled water bottle and a healthy snack, either a piece of fruit or a vegetable, for their morning break.</p> <p>Please clearly label all items belonging to your child.</p>	
Key Dates 2024	
<p>26<sup>th</sup> September- Individual photos 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Class 8 Assembly 24<sup>th</sup> October – Class 7 Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> October- Launchpad Day</p> <p><i>Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Holiday</i></p>	

With thanks, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Perks, Mrs Hughes