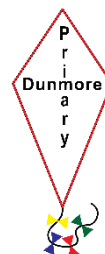




Dunmore School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term



Dear Parents/Carers

We are so pleased to welcome you to Dunmore Primary School and are very excited for all the adventures and fun that lies ahead. Your children have been amazing at settling in. We have all enjoyed our first few weeks and are excited to get to know the children better as we work alongside them.

Focus areas for the Autumn terms:

We will spend the first few weeks getting to know your children really well. We will be finding out about each other; thinking about what makes us special, our families and learning to respect each other. We will then have some fun with traditional tales, using them to inspire our writing and creative skills before we move on to learn about the changes that Autumn brings. After half term, our focus will be on celebrations as we think about Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas. We will also be sneaking a mini topic all about dinosaurs - a popular choice with lots of our children! As you can see we will be very busy but we will keep you updated on Tapestry so you know what our area of focus is each week.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Starting school is a big change for your children and they will need to learn many new skills as they interact with their friends and learn to become more independent. We are already working hard on encouraging the children to be more independent at the start and end of the day. We are encouraging the children to use skills of collaboration, resilience and kindness in all of their interactions during the day.

Communication and Language

We love interacting with your children and through our conversations with them we are able to introduce new vocabulary and model good sentences. Our exploring time in the classroom allows us to get alongside the children and communicate with them while they are playing. This is a very important part of our day.

Physical Development

We are very pleased to be able to offer children outdoors time even in the bad weather at Dunmore. We encourage them to move around and be active in the space. We also provide lots of activities to help develop their fine motor skills.

English

Books are a central part of our learning journey and the children will have access to a range of texts at all times. Lots of our learning will centre around texts. We will begin the year looking at three traditional tales; The Enormous Turnip, Little Red Riding Hood and The Gingerbread Man. Very soon we will be starting on our exciting reading adventure using Rocket Phonics. The children will soon be bringing books home to share with you. We will make sure we give you lots more information about Rocket Phonics and early reading skills in the next few weeks.

Maths

We teach Maths following a scheme called White Rose Maths. This is a progressive scheme used by the whole school. In the Autumn terms we will be learning:

- To recognise and understand numbers to 5
- Matching, sorting and comparing
- Shapes (circles, triangles, squares and rectangles)
- Measures
- Making patterns

Understanding the World

We are very privileged to have families in our class from all around the world. We will discuss

Expressive Arts and Design

The children have already enjoyed painting their self portraits and have been having a lot

this with the children and talk about different cultures and languages. We will have lots of opportunities to celebrate different festivals and think about the different traditions for each one.	of fun with playdough every day. There will be lots of opportunity for art activities each week. We also enjoy making music with the children using musical instruments, singing and chanting.
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Important Information

Characteristics of Effective Learning	<p>This area of the curriculum underpins everything that we, as learners, experience. It looks at the skills we use and the way that we think and learn.</p> <p>The three main aspects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing and exploring – engagement • Active learning – motivation • Creating and thinking critically – thinking
Book bags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will soon start using book bags to send home library and reading books. We also pop letters into book bags so please keep an eye out for important information coming home. • We ask that no water bottles are carried in book bags because of the risk of water damage to the books.
PE	<p>Our PE afternoon is currently Thursday, but this may change so we ask that PE kits are always available in school. The children only need shorts and a T Shirt in their house group colour. When the weather gets colder they can wear black jogging bottoms or leggings. They do not need PE shoes yet, we will let you know when we are planning to go outside.</p> <p>Most importantly PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING!! You can imagine how tricky it is to keep track of sets of school uniform and PE kit!</p>

What you can do to help...

- Please let a member of staff know in the morning if your child will be picked up by somebody different.
- Please name shoes, wellies and all school uniform.
- **Water only** in class bottles – in keeping with our school policy.

Key Dates

- ✓ **2nd October 9 a.m or 6 p.m - Open Doors Workshop – Reading & Phonics**
- ✓ **23rd October - Reading Open Morning**
- ✓ **6th November – Open morning**
- ✓ **7th November and 12th November – Parent meetings**
- ✓ **9th December 9:30 a.m - Early Years Christmas Celebration at Christ Church**