

Dunmore Primary School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 1 2025



Our Themes this Term	Communication and Language
<p>Winter – 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter in our environment • Looking after yourself in winter • Winter tree art • Ice experiments <p>Chinese New Year – 1 week</p> <p>Space – 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the solar system • Making rockets • Painting a planet 	<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 encourage the children to share books with their peers and talk about the illustrations. • We enjoy using rhymes, poems and songs. • Our talking wall gives the children the opportunity to talk about their experiences. Don't forget to add your photos to Tapestry so that we can include them on our wall.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<p>This term we will be celebrating the differences between us. We will help the children to learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting each other • Being kind and sharing • Including everyone • Giving and receiving compliments • Becoming independent with our clothing/shoes • Becoming independent when using the toilet and washing our hands <p>Please encourage your child to be independent at home when dressing and putting on their footwear.</p>	<p>Fine motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding a pencil using tripod grip • Regular mark making practice • Cutting skills • Dough activities • Funky fingers activities <p>Gross motor skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor play available whatever the weather • Building, climbing, balancing • PE lessons using the apparatus to find different ways to travel, dancing, ball skills, parachute games <p>Please encourage a tripod grip if your child is mark making / drawing at home.</p>
Literacy	Mathematics
<p>Daily phonics sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising sounds (look out on Tapestry for which sound we are learning each week) • Learning vocabulary linked to our sound • Learning a rhyme and action linked to our sound • Revisiting sounds already learnt • January starters only – Listening skills <p>Please continue to support your children at home by sharing stories.</p>	<p>Daily maths sessions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number 3 - subitising, 1:1 counting, numerals • Shapes - Triangles, Squares, Rectangles and Circles • Number 4 – Composition of four • January starters only – Number stories and number songs

Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our winter theme will help us understand the seasons and weather patterns in our country. We will go on a Winter Walk and explore our environment, looking for signs of Winter. We will explore making and melting ice. • We will learn about different cultures as part of our Chinese New Year theme. • Our Space theme will help us to understand the solar system and how our world is part of something bigger. We will learn a song naming all the planets. 	<p>Through all of our themes we aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a variety of creative materials – paint, dough, chalk, shaving foam and gloop • Sing songs related to our themes. • Use Small world role play • Construction and building activities

Important Information	
PE	Our PE day is Monday or Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for physical activities.
Singing assembly	We join Reception and Key Stage 1 for a singing and signing assembly on Thursday morning.
Gold book assembly	We currently join Reception on Friday morning to celebrate a child's achievement from that week.
Requests to Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASE make sure that all items of clothes, water bottles and packed lunch boxes are named! • Please remember that we only allow water in water bottles. The children may bring a different drink for their lunch. • As the weather gets colder please make sure the children have enough warm clothes to enable them to play outside. We try to spend time outside daily. • Please note we do not allow scarves and mittens are easier for your child to put on. 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Term ends on Friday 14th February ✓ Inset day Monday 24th February ✓ Term starts Tuesday 25th February 	