


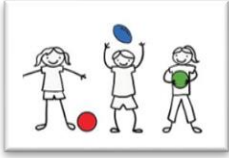








Dunmore Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2024

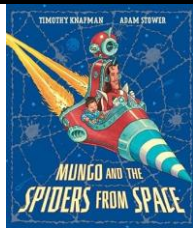
 Ideas to try at home



Science – Animals and humans	P.E.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How animals change and grow Investigating how we have changed since being a baby. The timeline of human growth How people change as they get older The basic needs of animals and humans Why exercise is important  <p> Find a photo of when your grown up was a baby. Talk together about how they have changed since then!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ball skills: throwing, catching, dribbling, kicking, passing, shooting and defending. Balance and Control: yoga, core strength, movement to music. 
Geography – Islands	Design & Technology – Textiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are human features? What are physical features? How are the Galapagos Islands different to Abingdon? <p> Explore the Galapagos Islands on Google maps.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about different ways of joining two pieces of materials. Thinking about creating an aesthetically pleasing Christmas stocking. <p> Look at different Christmas stockings – what designs and symbols can you find?</p> 
Music – Pitch	Computing – Key skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copying a leader in call-and-response songs. Listening and moving in time to a song. Playing classroom instruments on the beat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the keyboard to type accurate sentences using caps lock and shift. Safely use a search engine to access the internet. Use Paint to create artwork using a variety of digital tools. <p> Practise typing into a Word document then change the size, font and colour of the text.</p>
P.S.H.E – Celebrating Differences	R.E. - Divali, Hanukkah, Christmas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand and celebrate that everyone is different. Know how to ask for help. How to be a kind friend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This term we will be asking these questions: What is Divali and how is it celebrated? What is Hanukkah and why is it important to Jews? What was the purpose of the star in the Christmas story? We will be making Christingles and thinking about why Christians do this at Christmas. 
Art – Henri Matisse	Fun fact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the artist Henri Matisse and create work inspired by his works using 'cut paper collage' 'The Snail' Make Christmas cards in the style of Matisse 	<p>Jingle bells became the first song broadcast in space on 16th December 1965. It was broadcast during NASA's Gemini 6A space flight.</p>

English – Adventure stories

We will be reading a range of adventure stories this term including stories about Mungo. He gets up to all kinds of mischief!



In our writing we will be focusing on:

- Writing **labels and captions**
- Writing **our own adventure story**
- Writing a book review
- **Using full stops, capital letters and question marks correctly.**
- **Using a range of adjectives** to enhance the content of our writing.



Can you write a Christmas shopping list?
Can you help write your family's Christmas cards and gift labels? Could you write the address on an envelope?

Maths

- **Continue to learn and solidify our knowledge of 2s, 5s, and 10 times tables**
- **Begin to learn 3s and 4s times tables.**
- Recognise all **number bonds to 10 and 20.**
- **Adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers using a number line.**



- Understand how to use **arrays** and **number line** to solve multiplication questions.
- Understand how to use **counting** and **number lines** to solve division questions.
- Understand that multiplication is **commutative** (can be done in any order) eg $5 \times 2 = 2 \times 5$

Important Information

Class Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is available to practice times tables at home. Please try to practice as much as you can. ✓ Spellings are sent home every Friday to practise – we have a short spelling quiz every Friday (copies of spellings are available on year group pages of website) ✓ Children should be reading daily at home, there should be a minimum of 3 entries a week in their reading record, at least one to be signed off by an adult. Reading books and records should come to school every day.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 5: Monday and Wednesday ✓ Class 6: Monday and Thursday <p>Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.</p>
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading books are changed on Friday. Please make sure reading books and reading records are brought in EVERY day.

Requests to Parents

- Please send your child with a coat every day whatever the weather is like in the morning!
- If children want to show and tell an object/book, please make sure it is linked to our learning. We don't have time in our busy curriculum for regular show and tell sessions in Year 2.

Key Dates

- ✓ Week beginning 4th November – School Values week
- ✓ 6th November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 7th November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 11th November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 12th November – Parents' evening 4pm to 7pm, online
- ✓ 27th November - EAL coffee morning 8:45 - 9:45am (parents with English as Additional Language)
- ✓ 18th December – School Christmas dinner
- ✓ 20th December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025)