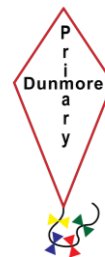




Dunmore School



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to welcome Year 2 back to school after the summer holidays.

We are really enjoying getting to know them and are looking forward to lots of fun.

Our learning this term will be based on "Explorers".

English

Our English will be focused on Molly McDrew's adventures around the world with the aim of writing our own adventure diaries by the end of term. We will also focus on non-fiction texts and create a non-chronological report based on our historical and scientific knowledge of explorers. We are continuing with our 'Rocket Phonics' scheme and will be teaching phonics as a whole class every day. We will hear the children read through our daily guided reading sessions where we practise comprehension skills as well as fluency and expression.

Maths

We will be starting the term focusing on important number skills and making sure that the children have secure foundations to build on. To fully support your child in their learning it would benefit them greatly if you could practise the following at home: counting in 1's forwards and backwards, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, ordering numbers, writing digits correctly and number bonds to 20. We will learn about place value and will practice addition and subtraction skills.

Science

We will be identifying, grouping and comparing the suitability of everyday materials and how the shapes of some objects change when a force is applied. We will be learning about the scientific inventor, Charles Mackintosh and his famous and very useful invention. We will also be learning about the process of sorting various materials for the recycling process.

Computing

Our aim in the first few weeks is to help the children become more independent with logging on and navigating around the home screen and the keyboard of a computer. We will be equipping the children with the skills to stay safe online.

History

We will begin our Year 2 journey by focussing on a range of historical and contemporary explorers encouraging the children to be curious about the past and encouraging them to think about how this impacts modern life.

Geography

We will be learning about various countries in the world and the exciting world of space!

RE

In RE, the children will have an opportunity to bring in a special book and share why it is special to them with their class. This links with our learning about sacred books and special stories in Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity.

Art

We will be using a range of media including pastels, watercolours, pencils and charcoal to learn about shading and colour mixing to develop creativity and fine motor skills.

Design and Technology

We will be thinking about the process of engineering, including designing, building,

PE

We will be learning about team games, dance and movement.

testing, refining and evaluating, to create moving vehicles.	
Music We will be learning about Music with our amazing music specialist, Mrs Scaber.	PSHE We will be focusing on settling the children into their new classes and building relationships with each other.

Important Information	
Homework	<p>Every Friday we will send home a list of spellings for the children to practise during the week. These will be checked the following Friday. Please practise these with your child throughout the week.</p> <p>We would also like you to complete 15 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars each week.</p>
PE	<p>Both classes will do PE on a Monday. Class 5 will do PE on Wednesdays and Class 6 will do PE on Thursdays. We aim to be outside as much as possible so please check your child has the following clothes in school at all times.</p> <p><u>PE Kit Checklist:</u> House colour T-shirt, Shorts, Trainers Pair of jogging bottoms or leggings, A spare pair of socks</p> <p><u>Please make sure that everything is named and placed in a named bag</u> to make it easier for us when the children are getting changed.</p>
Reading books	<p>The children will bring a <u>new reading book home each Friday</u> which will also be available to read online so that you can access the quizzes. Login details will be sent home soon. We expect your child to be reading at home with you <u>at least 3 times a week</u> at home. Please write in your child's reading record each time you read with them.</p>
Reminders for Parents Please ensure that everything your child brings to school is clearly named particularly jumpers and PE kits. It is impossible for us to look after 60 jumpers if they are not named! All the children need to have a named water bottle every day. We do not have time in our curriculum to have Show and Tell sessions in class. <u>Please refrain from sending your child in with items for Show and Tell unless it is specifically linked to our learning about Explorers.</u>	

Key Dates

w/b 16th September: Music Flood Week

20th September: Friday Football starts 3.15pm

2nd October: Open Doors: Phonics and Reading scheme for EYs and KS1 parents 9am and 6pm

9th October: Coffee morning for parents of children with SEND 8.45am – 9.45am

16th October: Open Morning for Prospective Parents

23rd October: Reading Open Morning (KS1 and EYFS) 9am - 10am

25th October: Launchpad Day

Miss Hatley (Class 6 Monday – Friday),

Mrs Noake (Class 5 Monday – Wednesday)

Mrs Bartholomew (Class 5 Thursday and Friday)

Class Teachers