



Dunmore School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term 1



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you and your children 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 throughout the Autumn term and these are detailed below.

Our topic this Term is: Ourselves

The children will be learning to identify and label the parts of the human body. They will also be exploring our 5 senses and how these help us to learn about the world. The children will create self-portraits inspired by the work of Paul Klee. They will learn about how to keep themselves healthy and how humans grow and change over time.

English

The children will be continuing their phonic learning to help them sound out words for reading and writing. Phonic sessions will take place daily following the Rocket Phonics program.

In class, the children will be looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to support writing and deepen their understanding of the human body. We will be sharing the story 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg in the first term.

We will be encouraging the children to compose a sentence orally before writing it. During reading sessions children will take part in phonic activities to develop their reading and comprehension. Also, fine motor activities will help improve their handwriting.

We will focus on punctuating a sentence using a capital letter and full stop.

Maths

The children will be focusing on the recognition and formation of numbers 0 -20. They will learn to identify what is one more or less than a number to 20 and beyond. They will begin to add and subtract a one-digit number and learn the number bonds to 10 (numbers which combine to make 10, such as $3+7=10$).

The children will work on ordering daily events using the vocabulary of morning, afternoon, evening, first, last etc.

They will be learning the days of the week and months of the year through songs and stories.

Science

To start this year, the children will be learning to label the parts of the human body and begin to understand their basic function (for example, our heart pumps blood around our body). We will also learn to name and explore our five senses (touch, taste, smell, sight, hearing).

Other Subjects

Music

Music sessions will follow the Y1 curriculum and be taught by our Music specialist, Mrs Scaber. This enables each individual child to gain confidence in their singing voice and introduces the musical elements of pitch, rhythm and tempo through short songs, rhymes and musical games. Alongside this, the children will be learning songs connected to the 'Ourselves' topic.

History

In History, the children will think about changes within living memory. They will consider how they have changed over time and begin to observe or handle sources of information to answer questions, including using pictures of themselves as a baby and toddler, where possible.

PE

We begin the year with Gymnastics, teaching and refining moves such as pike, straddle, tuck and dish. They will learn to move in a variety of ways and on different body parts. These gymnastic moves will then be put together to form a routine.

RE

In RE we will be learning and exploring that religions have special stories to teach people things.

Computing

Over the next two terms we will learn how to log onto a computer, inputting our username and password.

Important Information

PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Tuesday/Friday afternoon✓ Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school all week (we will send it home at the end of each half term to be washed). Your child should have a coloured t-shirt, a pair of shorts and trainers/plimsols to wear for outdoor PE. We will do PE all year round so in colder weather it is also useful to have a pair of black jogging bottoms or leggings in their PE bag.
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ These are changed every Monday - Please make sure your child's reading book and reading record is in their bookbag EVERY day so your child can heard read whilst in school. Please write down every time you hear your child read at home (Our school homework policy states that you should hear your child read at least 3 times a week).
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Spellings are sent home every Friday and are checked the following Friday in class. Please encourage your child to practise writing these often so they feel confident they will succeed. Our spellings are linked to the sounds we are learning each week or focus on the common exception words (words we cannot sound out).

Requests for Parents

- Please ensure all your children's items are clearly labelled.
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, book bag and appropriate clothing to school-especially a coat if it is cold or may rain- we still go out on the playground in light rain!

Signed

Mrs Smith

Mrs Jones

Miss Leeds

Miss Page