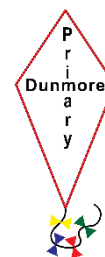




Dunmore School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We 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.

Roald Dahl	
We will be studying the stories of Roald Dahl, in particular the Twits, alongside extracts from many others. Linked to this will be art based on the illustrator Quentin Blake. We will also be studying the geography of Norway, where Roald Dahl was born.	
English We will be reading extracts from a range of Roald Dahl texts and building confidence through lots of drama and reading aloud. We will write a revenge chapter for The Twits which will include learning how to punctuate speech in our stories for conversation between Mr and Mrs Twit. We will be using 'Bird Pie' and George's Marvellous Medicine as a starting point for our own instructional writing. We will work on planning our writing to make sure we remember all the important parts.	Maths To begin the year, we will focus on place value. We will work up to reading and understanding numbers up to 10,000. Then we will work on addition and subtraction, using columns and carrying over across place value columns. Each week we will complete a variety of arithmetic work to practice a range of key skills. Methods we use can be found in the school Calculation policy. We will use Times Table Rockstars in school and children will be expected to use this at home for a minimum of 20 minutes a week. If you have problems with accessing the site, please tell your class teacher.
Science This term we will be looking at states of matter. We will be exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases and carrying out a series of experiments. We will also learn about the water cycle.	Computing We will be recognising the internet as a network of networks including WWW, and understanding how and why we should evaluate online content.
Geography – We will investigate the climate and physical features of Norway and learn about the Sámi people. Art - We will be creating pen and watercolour pictures in the style of Quentin Blake, including drawing our own self portrait in this style. P.E. – Class 10 will be doing swimming and gymnastics, Class 9 will be working on football and dance. Music - Will continue to be taught by our music specialist Mrs Scaber. we'll be learning to play the recorder. We have a selection of school recorders available for pupils to use during lessons, but you might want to consider purchasing a descant recorder for your child to use at school and practice at home. Recommended brands include Aulos and Yamaha, though other brands are also acceptable. We'll begin recorder lessons after half term, with our first session scheduled for November 7th. R.E. - We shall be learning about religious buildings in different faiths and how they are used in the community. We will explore the role of worship in both the home and in a place of worship. French - This term we will be learning numbers to 31 and recapping on the months of the year so we can ask and talk about birthdays. We will be practising greetings each lesson too! PHSE - This term we will be thinking about ourselves as part of a class team.	

Important Information	
Class Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spellings to practise at home - the test will be every Friday ✓ Children will also be expected to learn their times tables by heart (including division facts). The national times table assessment will be in June so it is essential that children regularly practise their tables at home to support their learning at school. ✓ TTRS homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Log in details will remain the same as previous years (we will also distribute them again in case you have forgotten them). ✓ Some weeks there will be optional additional homework on Education City, if we feel the children need more practice in a particular area. ✓ Children should be reading daily at home and discussing their reading with an adult at least once a week. Each child will have a home reading record. They are expected to complete a minimum of 3 entries a week, at least one to be signed off by an adult. Reading records should come to school every Monday to be checked by the teacher.
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 9: Monday and Friday ✓ Class 10 - Swimming on Monday mornings (starting 9th September) and PE Friday <p>Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.</p> <p>Class 10 – Swimming Your child will need a swimsuit/swimming trunks, swimming hat, towel (and goggles if preferred) in a bag every Monday. They are not allowed to swim without a hat.</p>
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Children can change their reading books as needed during the school day. These can go home but do need to be brought into school every day.
Requests to Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please read with your child as often as possible, daily if possible. • Children need to be practising their tables daily, including division facts. Please also make use of the Times Table Rockstars program. 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 9th September - Swimming starts for Class 10 ✓ 13th September – Roald Dahl dress up day ✓ 24th September - Trip to Discover Bucks Museum and Roald Dahl Children’s Gallery ✓ 26th September – Individual School photos ✓ 8th October – Parents’ meeting for Stone Farm residential 6:30pm ✓ 25th October – Last day of term 	

Mrs Mitchell, Dr Strange and Miss Clark

Year 4 Class Teachers