






Dunmore Primary School


Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 2 2025



Ideas for home



Science – Forces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know about Galileo Galieli and his contributions to science. Investigate the effects of friction. Know how levers, pulleys and gears work. Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.  Forces of Nature with Brian Cox is a really interesting series to watch. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer	P.E. Flag football and Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tactics in small sided games before then comparing those tactics to small sided football (Soccer) games. Greek and Victorian dancing as well as breakdancing.  Brush up on your dance techniques by using JustDance if you have it as well as following some of the traditional dances online such as Easy Greek Dance for Kids Sirtaki
History – Victorians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about Victorian children at work Understanding why so many people migrated to cities and towns during the Victorian era Abingdon Railway and its impact on the town. Using census information to answer questions about Victoria life experiences The suffragettes and the impact of their work. 	DT – Bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore ways in which pillars and beams are used to span gaps. Explore ways in which arches are used to strengthen bridges. Understand how suspension bridges are able to span long distances Develop criteria and design a prototype bridge for a purpose.
Music – Ukulele skills (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and playing notes A, B, C, E, F Consolidating rhythms with crotchet, quavers, minims and crotchet rests Performance: 'For Elise' & '12-bar uke blues'.  Listen to 'Somewhere over the rainbow' here and compare with the version here	Computing – Databases <p>Exploring what a flat file database is before having a go and making and testing our own.</p>  If you're not sure what that is, please have look here 😊 Flat file databases
French <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count up to 31. Colours of the rainbow. Days of the week and the months of the year. Learning some French facts, locations, songs and part of the French culture. 	R.E. – Pilgrimages and Easter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have you been on a journey that has changed your life? Why do people go on pilgrimages? What gives meaning and purpose to life? What lessons can be learnt from the Easter story?
P.S.H.E. – Healthy Me <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know the health risk of smoking and alcohol. Basic emergency aid procedures Understand media, social media and how celebrity culture promotes certain body types. Know what makes a healthy lifestyle including healthy eating and the choices that we can make to be healthy and happy. 	Victorian Abingdon interesting facts <p>In 1835, a workhouse was built. You can still see one of its boundary walls if you visit Boxhill Park.</p> <p>There was a train station in Abingdon between 1856 and 1963!</p> <p>Find out more here: History of Abingdon</p> 

English	Maths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish looking at Street Child, including making predictions and analysing the text. • Researching life in Victorian workhouses and using this to write information texts. • Spelling, punctuation and grammar work. • Fancy some SPaG fun?  <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zbm8scw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be exploring further into decimals including ordering them as well as adding and subtracting them before solving worded everyday problems that involve decimals. • We will then look at percentages and understand how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages before the children will finally make their own FDP board games. (Which we strongly encourage them to play with you over the Easter holidays 😊 Yay!)

Important Information	
Class Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Homework will be set each Friday to be completed online on Education City by the following Friday. Please let us know if your child is unable to do this at home so that we can facilitate it in school. ✓ Spellings and times tables will be tested each Friday. You should have a paper copy of these and you can find them on our Year Group page. ✓ Children will be expected to spend at least twenty minutes each week on Times Tables Rockstars. ✓ There are links on our Year Five page which you might find helpful to aid you with homework and what we'll be learning about this year.
PE	Class 11: Mondays and Fridays. Class 12: Mondays and Wednesdays.
Reading books	Reading books will be changed as and when the children need to. The children are responsible for keeping a record of what they read in their reading records. They are expected to have at least three entries in their reading record each week, at least one of which should be completed by an adult who has listened to them read at home. These need to be in school every Monday to be looked at by the class teacher.
Requests to Parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure that all P.E. kits and clothes are labelled and that your child/ren are able to remove any jewellery. Please also remember that all earrings should be studs. • Please read with your child regularly and discussing what they're reading. You can find helpful hints on how to support them at 10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 26th February - Coffee Morning for parents of children with EAL 09:00 - 10:00 ✓ 4th March – Trip to Milestones Museum ✓ 12th March – Class 11 Assembly ✓ 13th March - Parents' Evening (virtual/online) 15:30 - 17:30 ✓ 14th March – Class 11 to Abingdon School for Gears, Levers and Pulleys session. ✓ 18th March - Parents' Evening (In Person) 16:00 - 19:00 ✓ 19th March - Class 12 Assembly ✓ 21st March – Class 12 to Abingdon School for Gears, Levers and Pulleys session. ✓ 25th March – Roving Bookshop in school ✓ 25th March – Watching Jesus Christ Superstar at John Mason School. ✓ 28th March - Non-uniform day in return for Easter hamper donation ✓ 31st March - Victorian Day ✓ 4th April 2025 – End of term, school will close at 1.30pm today! 	