

# Dunmore Primary School

## Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2024

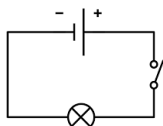


Ideas for home



### Science – Electricity

- **Creating circuits** to switch on bulbs and motors
- Learning some **scientific symbols** to draw circuits
- Investigating what materials are **conductors and insulators**
- Trip to Abingdon School to learn about **static electricity**



- Talk about electrical safety around the home

### P.E.

Class 9 **gymnastics** and **circuit training**.

- Improving strength and flexibility
- Balancing, jumping, linking movements
- Performing sequences

Class 10 **swimming** and **yoga**

- Stretch and strengthen in poses
- Swimming stroke techniques

• Your child might like Junior Park Run

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/southerntown-juniors/>

### Geography – France and Mountains

- **How different mountains formed**
- The impact of **tourism in the Alps**

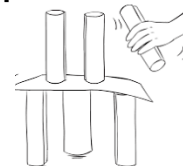
- Explore the Alps on google maps or plan an imaginary trip there using online trip providers or brochures from an estate agent.



### Design & Technology – Paper towers

- Techniques to **strengthen paper**
- Moving and hinged joints
- Group challenge to **build a paper tower** that can bear weight

- Look at famous towers and discuss the structure, have a family paper tower building competition!



### Music – Recorder playing

- **Recorder playing**
- correct technique of recorder holding and producing a sound
- notes B A G
- reading rhythm notation (ta, ti-ti, rest)
- Say the note names and/or play along: <https://youtu.be/N54HxFLCPo?si=QqfJ3O1WdsQ2lrZ2>

### Computing – Audio production

- Identify the input (microphone) and output (speaker or headphones)
- Discuss ownership of digital audio and copyright
- Use **Audacity** to edit, open and save audio files.
- Start producing a podcast

### French – Christmas

- **Days of the week**
- How **Christmas** is celebrated in France.
- Write Christmas cards in French, joyeux Noël!

- Enjoy some French songs with your child: <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/french/french-christmas-songs/>

### R.E. - Are places of worship really needed?

- What **features** are found in different places of worship and what are they used for?
- What **role** do places of worship play in the lives of individuals and faith communities?
- How important is it for people to have somewhere to go to be on their own?

### P.S.H.E. – Celebrating Difference

- Question why we think what we do about other people
- Try to **accept people** for who they are
- Identify **what is special about ourselves** and value the ways in which we are unique
- Discuss how it might feel to be a witness to and a target of bullying and learn methods to **problem-solve a bullying situation**

### Joke!

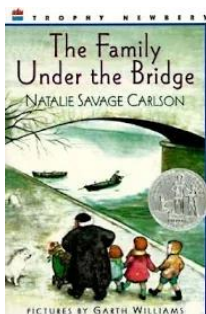
Why did the boy pack a bulb in his bag?  
*He wanted to have a light snack!*

Can you find a joke about electricity to tell your teacher?

## English

Our class book is 'Family Under the Bridge' by Natalie Savage Carlson. We will use this to:

- Write **diary entries** focussing on writing with **empathy** from a character's viewpoint
- Act out scenes from the book
- Hold a **debate** around one of the events in the story
- Practise **persuasive** sentences which we will then use for letter writing



## Maths

- **8s, 6s and 7s times tables**
- **Multiply three 1-digit numbers**
- Understand that multiplication is **commutative** (can be done in any order) eg  $5 \times 3 \times 6 = 6 \times 5 \times 3$
- **Calculate area** by counting squares and link this to arrays and multiplication facts



## Important Information

### Class Homework

- ✓ Times Table Rock Stars (**TTRS**) homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following **Friday**.
- ✓ **Spellings** to practise at home - the test will be every **Friday** (copies of spellings available on year group pages of website)
- ✓ Children should be reading daily at home and discussing their reading with an adult at least once a week. 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 records should come to school every **Monday** to be checked by the teacher.

### PE

- ✓ Class 9: Monday and Friday
  - ✓ Class 10: Monday and Friday (Monday swimming until 18<sup>th</sup> Nov)
- Please ensure that PE kits (including suitable footwear and weather appropriate clothing) are labelled and in school all week.

### Reading books

- ✓ 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.

## Key Dates

- ✓ Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November – School Values week
- ✓ 6<sup>th</sup> November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> November - Class 9 to Abingdon School science workshop
- ✓ Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 12<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' evening 4pm to 7pm, online
- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> November – Class 10 assembly 9 - 9:30am
- ✓ 27<sup>th</sup> November – Class 9 assembly 9 - 9:30am
- ✓ 27<sup>th</sup> November - EAL coffee morning 8:45 - 9:45am (parents with English as Additional Language)
- ✓ 29<sup>th</sup> November - Class 10 to Abingdon School science workshop
- ✓ 18<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas dinner
- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025)