




Dunmore Primary School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter - Autumn Term 2 2024



Our Themes this Term	Communication and Language
<p>Celebrations – 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diwali • Bonfire Night • Remembrance Day  <p>Dinosaurs – 2 weeks</p>  <p>Christmas – 2 weeks</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We love sharing stories with the children and spend a lot of time talking about new vocabulary through our books. • We are helping the children to become good listeners, both to their teachers and their peers. • We enjoy using rhymes, poems and songs. • Our talking wall gives the children the opportunity to talk about their experiences. <i>Don't forget to add your photos to Tapestry so that we can include them on our wall.</i>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development
<p>This term we will be celebrating the differences between us. We will help the children to learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting each other • Being kind • Including everyone • Giving and receiving compliments 	<p>Fine motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding a pencil using tripod grip • Regular mark making practice • Cutting skills • Dough activities <p>Gross motor skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor play available whatever the weather • Building, climbing, balancing • PE lessons using the apparatus to find different ways to travel.
Literacy	Mathematics
<p>Daily phonics sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising sounds (<i>look out on Tapestry for which sounds we are learning each week</i>) • Reading words and sentences • Letter formation • Segmenting words for spelling <p>Please continue to support your children with their reading at home. This is so important and makes all the difference to the how quickly the children progress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising circles and triangles • Recognising shapes with 4 sides • Working with numbers to 5 <p>We will be challenging the children to find numbers when they are out and about in their environments. <i>We would love to see photos of the children when they find a particular number (e.g. house number/on a car number plate/on some packaging) Look out on Tapestry for more details.</i></p>
Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Celebrations and Christmas themes will help us to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. • Our Dinosaur theme will help us to talk about life in the past and talk about how different life was then. 	<p>Through all our themes we aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a variety of artistic effects such as paint, pastels and chalk. • Sing songs related to our themes. • How does music help us to celebrate special occasions? We will listen to celebration music and talk about how it makes us feel.

Important Information

Reading Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please make sure you read with your child at least 3 times a week – more if you can! Don't forget to look out for the Target reading books online as well as the reading book your child brings home on a Friday. ✓ Please ensure you sign the reading record each time you read at home. ✓ We will change books on a Friday but please make sure the book comes to school every day so that we can read in class with the children.
PE	Our PE day is Friday. Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. The bag and everything in it must be named please!

Requests to Parents

- PLEASE make sure that all items of clothes are named!
- Please remember that we only allow water in water bottles. The children may bring a different drink for their lunch.
- As the weather gets colder please make sure the children have enough warm clothes to enable them to play outside. Boots are essential during the winter months.
- Please send in any unwanted pairs of socks or tights for our collection. We don't have many spares left and will be needing them in the wetter weather.

Key Dates

- ✓ Week beginning 4th November – School Values week
- ✓ 6th November – Open morning for current parents 9-10am
- ✓ 7th November – Parents' evening 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in person
- ✓ Week beginning 11th November – Prayer space in school
- ✓ 12th November – Parents' evening 4pm to 7pm, online
- ✓ 27th November - EAL coffee morning 8:45 - 9:45am (parents with English as Additional Language)
- ✓ 9th December – Early Years Christmas Assembly at Christchurch (Time to be confirmed)
- ✓ 18th December – School Christmas dinner
- ✓ 20th December – Term finishes at 1.30pm (Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025)