



# Dunmore School



## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

### Spring

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break over Christmas. This letter should inform you of everything we will be learning about in Year 5 over the next two terms.

<b>Our topic this term is: Victorian Railways</b>	
<p>We will be studying how the changes in the country occurred as a result of the age of steam. We will look at the impact of the railways on the people of that time and how this has developed since the 1800's. We will also look at the impact of Industrialisation on the local area. We will be learning how inventions were developed in answer to needs.</p>	
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>In the first term our work will be based on the book <i>Street Child</i>, by Berlie Doherty. We will be considering choices and consequences for characters and the effect this has on the rest of the story. Over the course of the two terms we will be investigating explanation texts, play scripts, discussion texts and diary entries. Alongside this there will be weekly SPaG lessons.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be following the new National Curriculum covering number, measure, shape and space.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>We are studying Forces and their effects.</p> <p>Next term we will be studying properties and changes of materials.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>In computing we will be developing skills in manipulating images on screen as well as writing and modifying simple programs.</p>
<p><b>Other Subjects</b></p> <p><b>P.E.</b> We will be developing our skills in a range of sports this term including invasion games. During indoor P.E. we will be focusing on Dance based on Victorian Childhood games followed by table tennis.</p> <p><b>Music</b> We shall continue to develop our listening, composing, appraising and performing skills by learning to play a range of tunes and composing our own compositions.</p> <p><b>Art:</b> In art we will look at the designs of William Morris and use our observations in order to create our pattern in the same style.</p> <p><b>D/T:</b> We will be using our creative and technical skill in the design and production of a mask and in creating a Victorian toy using cams.</p>	

<b>Important Information</b>	
<b>Class Homework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Set on a Thursday</li> <li>✓ Due in following Thursday</li> </ul>
<b>Maths Homework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Set on a Tuesday</li> <li>✓ Due in following Tuesday</li> </ul>
<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Monday Class 11, 12 and 13 on a rotation</li> <li>✓ Tuesday Class 13</li> <li>✓ Wednesday Class 12</li> <li>✓ Friday Class 11</li> </ul>
<b>Requests to Parents</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please continue to practise times tables with your child throughout the week. We find that little and often is the best way to learn. This can be through songs, apps or games. This is so important as it supports all areas of maths.</li> <li>• Children should be reading regularly at home as well as school. Books can be changed within school during the school day.</li> </ul>	
<b>Key Dates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> March – Year group visit to STEAM in Swindon. Further details to be sent in due course.</b></li> </ul>	

Signed

*Miss Clark*

*Mrs Cleveland*

*Mrs George*

*Mrs Tuck*

*Mrs Hope*

Class Teachers