



# **Dunmore School** **Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter** **Summer Term 2017**



Dear Parents/carers

We hope that you and your children had a lovely Easter break and that you are ready for a hardworking and exciting term. We have many interesting and exciting opportunities planned throughout Terms 5 and 6 and these are detailed below.

<b>Term 5 topic: Fantasy Worlds</b>	<b>Term 6 Topic: How does your garden grow?</b>
<p>This term, we will be exploring a range of fantasy stories and using our imaginations to create and describe characters and settings in detail. There will be a homework project asking children to create their own 'fantasy world' in a shoebox. This will be used as a starting point for their own fantasy story writing. A letter will be sent home with more details in the coming weeks.</p> <p>In term 6 we will be looking closely at the features of plants, trees and flowers. We aim to go on a day trip to The Natural History Museum as part of this topic and will send a letter once this has been confirmed.</p>	
<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>In terms 5 and 6, we will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through daily phonics sessions. We will work on accurately punctuating sentences with a capital letter and full stop. We will also be learning how to use question marks and exclamation marks in our writing and how to extend sentences using 'and' 'so' or 'because'. We will develop our story writing to include descriptions of a character and setting. This will lead up to us planning and writing a fantasy story with a beginning, problem and ending.</p> <p>In term 6, we will be using information books to find out about plants and trees. We will continue to develop our comprehension skills by answering questions about information we have read. We will write for a range of purposes including instructions, diary writing and information writing.</p> <p>Throughout both terms, we will continue to develop our understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar. This will prepare the children for year 2.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>In terms 5 and 6 we will work on using number facts to solve missing number problems. We will move on to simple multiplication and division using grouping and sharing.</p> <p>We will measure and record length, weight and capacity as well as solving worded problems involving measuring. Also, we will move on to telling the time to half- past the hour. We will develop our knowledge of money by solving practical problems involving finding amounts and giving change.</p> <p>Daily mental maths sessions will improve our ability to recall number bonds and count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>In term 5, we will look in more depth at our 'Amazing Animals' Science topic where we will learn to identify and compare carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.</p> <p>In Term 6, we will be learning to identify a range of plants and to spot the features of deciduous and evergreen trees.</p>	<p><b>Computing</b></p> <p>We will continue to use laptops to create pictures and will continue to type our name and simple sentences. We will use programmable toys to carry out a simple algorithm.</p>

## Other Subjects

Music- We will continue to learn about rhythm, pitch and pulse, along with learning songs about fantasy worlds.

History –We will look at Lewis Carroll as a local Historical figure and we will begin to discuss similarities and differences between ways of life in Victorian times and the present day.

PE- We will be developing our athletics skills in preparation for Sport's Day.

Geography- We will continue to explore the countries and capital cities of the UK and begin to use geographical vocabulary to describe the features of towns, cities and the countryside. We will use simple compass directions and create maps of the school playground.

## Important Information

<b>PE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Monday (class 3 and 4)</li><li>✓ Friday morning (class 4)</li><li>✓ Thursday morning (class 3)</li><li>✓ (Please ensure that PE kit is in school all week)</li></ul>
<b>Phonic homework</b>	✓ Set every Monday
<b>Maths homework</b>	✓ Due in following Monday
<b>Spelling test</b>	✓ Set every Wednesday
	✓ Due in following Wednesday
	✓ Friday afternoons
<b>Forest school</b>	✓ On Wednesday afternoons. Your child will receive a letter when it is their turn to go.
<b>Reading books</b>	✓ We will hear your child read once a week. Please re-read the book at home and comment in your child's reading record. We will also hear your child read as part of a guided reading group weekly.

## Requests for Parents

- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, book bag and appropriate clothing to school.
- Children should have sun cream put on them before they come to school in warm weather. We cannot reapply this in school.
- Please note that bottles should be filled with water and not juice!

## Key Dates

✓ **Class 4 assembly- Wednesday 24th May 2017**

**Class 3 assembly- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

✓ **Open Evening – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Signed

Mrs Noake, Mr Kendell, Miss Evans and Miss Tinson (Class Teachers)