



Dunmore School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you all had a relaxing Easter break.

Here are our plans for the summer term, another term which promises to be busy and with a lot more learning taking place before heading off into Year 6!

Our topic this term is: South America	
We will be exploring South America and the human and physical geography of the place. We will look at how the Amazon River differs or compares to our local Thames and look at how life is different in a different continent.	
<p>English</p> <p>In English, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum. We will be exploring narrative poetry through a focus on deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. We will then move on to developing an understanding of stories from other cultures and have a look at stories from South America, focussing on setting and description.</p> <p>Later in the term we will concentrate on persuasive writing and film work and finally we will carry out specific tasks looking at Shakespeare's Macbeth.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>In Maths we will continue to follow the National Curriculum through differentiated sets.</p>
<p>Science</p> <p>In Science we will be exploring Life Cycles, human and plant, and living things and their habitats. Alongside this will be the visit from the school nurse to discuss changes and puberty with each class.</p>	<p>Computing</p> <p>In our computing lessons we will be looking at web quests, perspective work and using digital microscopes. Excitingly, children will be shown how to develop animations of their own using coding programs. We will continue to work with an emphasis on computer and internet safety.</p>
<p>Other Subjects</p> <p>In SEAL, our topics are 'Relationships' and 'Changes'. In Year 5 we will also continue with work in P4C (Philosophy for Children) sessions to promote self-awareness, tolerance and understanding.</p> <p>Our Art lessons will focus on wax resist water art and large collages of South American settings.</p> <p>During PE we will be working on a dance based on rivers and developing the skills necessary to participate in athletics, summer games and tennis.</p> <p>In RE we will continue to explore aspects of Judaism and Hinduism.</p> <p>In music lessons we will be exploring South American rhythms and melodic composition.</p>	
Important Information	
Spelling Test	The children have all received a copy of the spellings for this term and the next. Please ensure that your child learns their spellings and that they write sentences containing each of the words. If they do not remember the meaning of the words, please encourage them to look the word up in a dictionary.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set every Tuesday (Maths) ✓ Due in following Tuesday

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set every Thursday (Topic/ English) ✓ Due in every Thursday
PE	<p>All classes Monday afternoon (2 out of 3 weeks)</p> <p>Class 13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monday – outdoor/indoor ✓ Alternate Tuesdays - (weather permitting - outdoors) <p>Class 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wednesday – (weather permitting – outdoors) <p>Class 11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Alternate Thursday or Friday – (weather permitting outdoors) <p>(Please ensure that your child’s PE kit is in school all week – we are getting an increasing number of children who are forgetting to bring their PE kit to school on the appropriate days)</p>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please continue to listen to your child read and discuss their reading and books with them. ✓ Please comment on their reading within the Reading Diary, which should be brought into school on a Friday morning for checking (Monday morning Class 13).
<p>Requests to Parents</p> <p>We would be grateful of any artefacts or skills which you may have that might enhance our curriculum.</p> <p>Please ensure that water bottles are labelled and come in to school every day.</p>	
<p>Key Dates</p>	
<p>Sports Day – 27th June</p> <p>Year 5 trip to Cadbury World – 28th June (TBC)</p>	

Signed,

Miss Clark.

Mrs Cleveland and Mrs Hope.

Mrs George and Mrs Tuck

Class Teachers