



# Dunmore School

## Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

### Summer Term 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

Can you believe that your child has reached their final term in primary school? Where did that time go?! It will be a jam-packed term with so many exciting events, both within and outside the curriculum, so please read on to find some of the details outlined below...

#### **Topics this term:**

##### **Summer Term Topic: Evolve!**

In our combined History and Science based topic we will discuss the discovery of fossils as evidence of life millions of years ago and study the life of Mary Anning (who became known as 'fossil girl' after her accidental but revolutionary discovery at Lyme Regis). We will compare offspring with parents and see how plants and animals are adapted to habitats. We will investigate Darwin, Wallace and Mendel's contributions to our understanding of evolution. Our trip, to The Natural History Museum in Oxford, will launch this topic and inspire us to find out more.

As we move onto the next chapter of our lives at Secondary School, we take time to reflect on how we, as individuals, have 'evolved' throughout our time at Primary School. How will we use the life skills that we have learnt to adapt to our new environment?

##### **English**

Our Guided Reading will move into a shared class experience as we explore the ground breaking and uplifting novel 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. This text explores issues of change, transition, social skills and acceptance. Its central theme of 'not judging a book by its cover' challenges our perception of friendship and normality. Our discussions and written work will respond to its key themes.

This terrific story provides us with the opportunity to explore and question fundamental truths about how humans behave - and how they should behave!

##### **Maths**

Maths will continue to be taught through differentiated activities.

Coverage this term will be balanced and appropriate according to the individual needs of your child. Every week there will be a focus on the learning and consolidation of times tables, formal and informal methods of calculations and relate all of this to solving mathematical formulas.

Our focus will shift to revision of all areas in preparation for SATS and life beyond Dunmore! We will also build in further problem solving challenges and outdoor maths!

##### **PSHCE**

We will continue to discuss puberty, relationships, friendships, personal hygiene and body changes. This leads onto our Sex Education sessions later in the term. A big part of our final term will be working with the Year 6s on transition to their secondary schools.

##### **Computing**

We will reinforce the importance of Internet Safety, in addition to discussing the responsible use of social media and sharing of digital content. This is especially crucial as children transfer from Primary to Secondary school life. Children will continue to develop their coding skills via Espresso Coding.

##### **Other Subjects**

In **Music** sessions we will focus on perfecting our performance and singing skills for our end of term Musical Production!

**French** will be taught fortnightly by our specialist French teacher, Mrs George.

**Art** will explore the development of the Pop Art Movement. We will study, create and be inspired by the work of Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Peter Blake.

**PE** units this term include: Tennis, Quad Kids Athletics, Summer Games (e.g. Rounders and Danish Long Ball) and Golf.

**Important Information**

<b>Homework</b>	<p>Following SATs, our homework schedule changes. There will no longer be a weekly spelling test. Also, instead of weekly homework tasks, we set two longer projects - one either side of half term. (More details will follow in planners.)</p> <p>Your child may also receive tasks to complete from their new Secondary School over the Summer Term.</p>
<b>PE</b>	<p>✓ Monday (class 14) and Friday (class 15) for P.E. ✓ Wednesday – full afternoon of outdoor P.E. (alternate weeks)</p> <p><b>Please ensure that PE kit, including trainers, are in school <u>all week</u> – especially in these summer months. (A sunhat and suncream can also be useful as the days heat up – we hope!)</b></p>
<b>Reading books</b>	<p>✓ Children need an independent reading book in school every day. This can be a book from home or one from school.</p>

- Requests from Parents**
- Sign planners on a weekly basis please, reading any messages or notes that the children have recorded.
  - Please inform us of any secondary visits or transition dates (in school time) that your child may be involved in.

**Key Dates**

- ✓ **Thursday 27th April 7pm** Parent Meeting about SATs
- ✓ **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** Y6 SATs Week – very important to be in and on time all week
- ✓ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Kilvrough Residential Week
- ✓ **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day
- ✓ **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance
- ✓ **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Open Evening
- ✓ **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers’ Celebration Evening

Many thanks for your continued support throughout the year,  
The Year 6 Team: Donna Gledhill, Pina Ross, Emma Stott