



Dunmore School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Spring

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your children had a lovely Christmas break and that you are ready for a hardworking and exciting term. We have many interesting and exciting opportunities planned throughout Terms 3 and 4, and these are detailed below.

Our topic this term is: Let's play (Houses and Homes –term 4)

We will be learning to identify old and new toys and games to gain a better understanding of the past and present. We will be thinking of questions we could ask to find out more about historical games and toys.

In term 4 our topic is 'Houses and homes'. We will be looking at the different homes people live in and what materials they are made of. We shall be looking at homes in different parts of the world.

English

In term 3 we will continue to develop our reading and writing skills through daily phonics sessions. We are beginning to punctuate sentences using 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' or 'because'.

In term 4 we will be looking at Traditional Tales and learning how to write a story with a beginning, middle (problem) and end. We will continue to build upon children's knowledge of how to punctuate a sentence.

Maths

In term 3 we are learning how to recognise and name fractions (half and quarter) of a shape and group of objects. We will learn to describe and compare objects through measuring length, weight, capacity. The children will read and write number sentences using the correct symbols for addition and subtraction.

In term 4 we will learn how to solve simple addition and subtraction word problems. The children will also learn how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. We will move on to adding and subtracting two digit numbers to 20 and begin to write numerals as words.

Science

In term 3 and 4 we will be learning to identify and name a variety of materials and describe their properties. We will compare and sort objects by their properties.

Computing

We will be teaching the children how to log on to computers independently and navigate simple programmes.

Other Subjects

Music- We will be learning songs about toys.

History – In term 4 we will be looking at homes from the past.

PE- We will be developing our throwing and catching skills including aiming and dodging. We will apply these skills in team games in term 4.

Geography- We will be exploring similarities and differences between homes around the world. We will look in greater depth at our local area. We will continue to look at weather patterns and seasonal change.

Important Information	
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monday (class 3 and 4) ✓ Wednesday morning (class 4) ✓ Thursday morning (class 3) ✓ (Please ensure that PE kit is in school all week)
Phonic homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set every Monday ✓ Due in following Monday
Forest school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ On Tuesday afternoons. Your child will receive a letter when it is their turn to go.
Reading books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We will hear your child read at least once a week. Please re-read the book at home and comment in your child's reading record.
Maths homework- To begin after February half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Set every Wednesday ✓ Due in the following Wednesday
Requests for Parents	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, book bag and appropriate clothing to school. 	
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 4 assembly- Wednesday 1st February 2017 9am ✓ Class 3 assembly- Thursday 2nd February 2017 9am ✓ Parent teacher evenings – 5:30-8pm Tuesday 14th March and 3:30-6pm Thursday 16th March. 	

Signed

Mrs N. Noake, Mr D. Kendell, Miss S. Evans and Miss F. Tinson (Class Teachers)