



Dunmore School

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We're all excited about the new topics that we'll be covering before Easter. Here's an overview of what we'll be up to:

Our topics over the next two terms:	
Our main topics will be science and geography based. In geography, we'll start by looking at Great Britain and then learning about Italy in preparation for our Roman topics at the end of the year. In science we will be investigating plants and the nutrition we need in a balanced diet.	
Literacy Our literacy units will include non-chronological reports, adapting familiar stories, instructions, oral explanations and explanatory diagrams. We will also continue to focus on SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) as well as reading and handwriting.	Maths We will be working on written and mental methods for the inverse operations of multiplication and division. We will then move onto calculating using fractions and looking at data handling.
Science In science we will firstly be learning about plants; recognising the various parts of plants, exploring their requirements for life and growth and understanding their life cycles. After that, we will be looking at the range of nutrition needed in a balanced diet as well as learning about bones and muscles.	Computing We will be learning how to use spread sheets. We will also be developing skills using search engines for research purposes and developing the children's skills and familiarity with programs such as Word and Publisher.
Other Subjects In art will be looking at the work of Carl Warner and Georgia O'Keefe and producing our own creations in similar styles. We will be enjoying dance, hockey and gymnastics in our P.E. lessons alongside the other exciting areas of the curriculum that we'll be covering.	

Important Information	
Spellings	Spellings will continue to be sent home and tested each week on a Friday.
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Literacy homework is set every Wednesday and is due in by the following Wednesday. ✓ Maths homework is set every Thursday and is due in by the following Thursday. <p>Your child should spend no more than twenty minutes on each piece of homework. If your child is finding any of the homework tasks difficult, please encourage them to talk to their teacher before the day it's due in.</p>
PE	<p>Please make sure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school at all times.</p> <p>Class 7: Tuesday and Thursday</p> <p>Class 8: Monday and Thursday</p>
Reading books	<p>The children will be given the opportunity to change their reading books as soon as they've finished reading them. They will be responsible for writing the title of each new book in their reading record. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home, with you where possible.</p> <p>If you listen to your child read, please write this in their reading record. A helpful comment would include information on words or patterns that your child struggles with. Also, whilst you are reading with them, please ask comprehension questions to get the child to think about what they are reading.</p> <p>Their reading records will be collected and checked each Monday by the class teacher.</p>
Key Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19th February – Inset Day <p>Class 7 Assembly: 17th January and 21st March</p> <p>Class 8 Assembly: 24th January and 22nd March</p>	

Ms A Brackenidge and Mrs A Walden.

Class Teachers