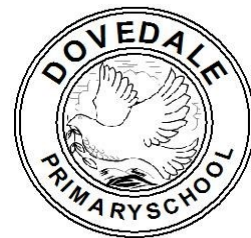


# Dovedale Primary

## YEAR 5 Spring Newsletter



### Welcome back—Spring 2025

We hope our children enjoyed a wonderful break, a well-deserved rest, and plenty of fun. As always, it's set to be a busy term filled with exciting opportunities, and we hope everyone is eager to dive back into the learning routine. There's so much planned for this term, and we're excited to build on the skills and knowledge gained in autumn.

### What's happening this term

#### Reading

Reading continues to be of fundamental importance, and routine is key. We expect children to read at home regularly and class teachers will ensure they contribute to the reading record comments as part of their 1:1 reading in class with their teacher.

#### Expectations:

Children	Bring in reading diary and book every day.
Adults	Listen to children read at home and record X3 times per week.
Teachers	Listen to 10–15 children read 1:1 per week

#### Maths

Last term we had a huge focus on place value (especially decimal numbers), multiplication and division. These skills will be pivotal for progressing onto the next units of learning. Underpinning the wider learning taking place, will be the following key areas:

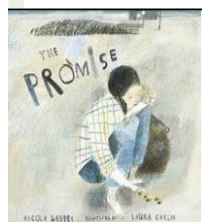
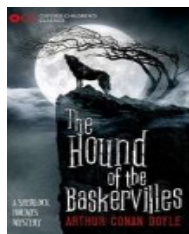
Spring 1	Area & Scaling / Calculating with decimal fractions
Spring 2	Factors, multiples and primes

Homework will continue to be set weekly on the Sumdog platform.



#### Writing

Two texts will provide the stimulus for writing in autumn term. From studying the text, *Hound of the Baskervilles*, children will complete a cliff-hanger narrative and a Formal Report



After reading *The Promise* by Nicola Davies, children will write their own newspaper report and another extended piece of writing using characterisation.

#### Science Properties and changes of materials

Children will compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties: hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity. They will know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and describe how to recover a substance from a solution. Their prior knowledge of solids, liquids and gases will help them to know how materials might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating.

#### Art

The focus for this term is painting skills and water colours. Our key artist to study in the skills process will be Vincent Van Gogh and children will be building towards making their own version of *Starry Night*



#### Geography

South America will be our focus for spring term, studying aquatic and tropical biomes, connecting to the water cycle, and our next unit, rivers. We will gain knowledge of the Amazon Rainforest, Amazon River, countries and peoples of the continent.

#### RE

Children will critically evaluate the question, *Can we live by the values of Jesus in the 21st century?*

#### PE

Our two main units for spring will be Line Dancing and Hockey. Children will progress in skills learned in previous years to master their own performances in dance, and learn to handle equipment effectively in hockey.

#### Class Dojo

We will continue to communicate through the Class Dojo App, where we enjoy uploading class activities and independent work in portfolios.



ClassDojo

#### School website

For more detailed information in all subjects visit the year 5 class page and curriculum pages at [www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk](http://www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk)