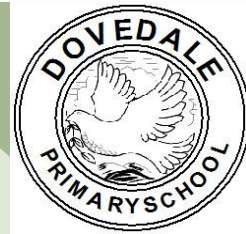


# Dovedale Primary

## Happy New Year from Year 3

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. It is fantastic to be back and we are looking forward to this important Spring Term.

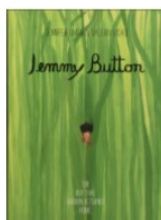


## What's happening this term?

**Maths—** The children will be learning all about multiplication and division this term, with lots of effort being put into our times tables. The children will be constantly practising them to try and get more confident. Please also practise at home! This term, we are focusing on the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8x tables. The children are aiming to be confident with rapid recall, in a mixed order. In our maths lessons, we will also be learning methods for column addition and column subtraction. SumDog homework will continue to be set weekly.



**Writing—** Our writing outcomes for this term include writing return narratives, information leaflets, letters and setting narratives. In our writing lessons, the children will be immersed into two new and exciting texts: The Rhythm of the Rain and Jemmy Button.



**Science—** Our first science topic is plants. Pupils will learn the key vocabulary linked to the topic and investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. Children will also identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers.

**Curriculum—** This term in our Geography lessons we are learning all about mountains of the world. The children will learn lots of new vocabulary such as: altitude, ascend, base, dome mountain, elevation, fault-block mountain, fold mountain, hill, mountain, mountaineer, peak, pinnacle, plateau, range... plus many more!



**P.E.—** Our P.E. lessons are every Tuesday. Please make sure pupils come to school in their P.E kits. This term the children will be doing handball and gymnastics.

**R.E—** We are looking at Christianity this term and will be discussing why the Bible is important for Christians today. The children will be learning about what the Bible teaches Christian people about God.

**Computing—** The children will be learning to code in their computing lessons this term and will be learning all about codes and algorithms using the Scratch Jr application. E-Safety will continue to be a focus.

## Supporting your child at home:

### Reading

Our whole class reading sessions in school will continue this term. All children in Y3 have a home reading record and a reading book. It is important for children to read on a regular basis and to be listened to by someone at home.

### Spellings

Spellings are working really well so we will continue to focus on a 'sound' a week. Pupils learn a set of words based on this sound. Statutory spellings will be taught throughout the year and these are available to see on the school website. Spellings will continue to go home with the children on a Monday, to be tested on the Friday. The spellings are taught in class throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Miss King, Mrs Hughson, Miss Hetherington & Miss Long.

'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'