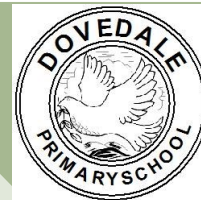


Dovedale Primary School



Happy New Year—Spring 2025

We are delighted to have the children back after the holidays, and it's fantastic to get back into the daily learning routine as we welcome a new year and the onset of spring.

Please read on for more information about what to look forward to this term and how you can support your child.

What's happening this term

Maths

We will be continuing with the maths mastery approach, which has been implemented throughout the school, increasing children's confidence and fluency in all areas of maths. Any maths homework set, we ask that it is completed with great importance to ensure children are fully prepared for both the arithmetic and reasoning SATs tests along with the demand of secondary next year. This term we will be continuing with multiplication and division, then going on to learn fractions, percentages, statistics, ratio and proportion.

Reading

Reading practice is, of course, essential in year 6, and the expectations for reading are high. Children are expected to bring in their reading book and reading record daily. For homework, we will continue to send home Year 6 comprehension each Friday and ask that children read 3 times at home between Mon—Fri and record this in their reading records.

Writing

Two texts will provide the stimulus for writing in spring term. From studying the text, *Origin of Species*, children will complete a Discovery Narrative and Explanation Text.

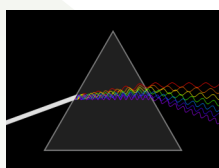


After this, we will read *The Ways of the Wolf* and children will write their own First Person Narrative and Balanced Argument.



Science

Our topic this term will be 'Light' and 'Evolution & Inheritance'. Pupils will learn the key vocabulary linked to the topics and investigate by 'working scientifically' in each lesson. Lessons will include 'Knowledge Checks' (to ensure we revisit previous key learning from units covered in primary school)



'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

History

Our History topic this term will be learning all about WW2 building on our knowledge from Year 5. We will recall the causes and consequences of WW2 and describe the role of the British Empire on WW2—this will commence properly in the Summer term.

Geography

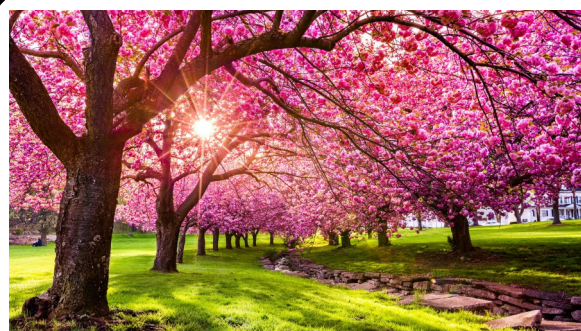
In Geography, we will be exploring the Arctic and Antarctic Circles and the many interesting things that there is to learn about these areas: their daylight hours, climate and the people that live there amongst many other things.

PE

Children will be receiving PE lessons from their class teacher, as well as Mr Kirkwood. Children will come into school on Thursday in PE kits. We will develop skills in gymnastics and handball over the spring term.

Art

The focus for this term is painting, and we will be bringing in the skills necessary to apply to more focused final pieces of work in the summer. We will be taking inspiration from the illustrator of 'The Ways of the Wolf' Jonathan Woodward. As artists, the pupils will make choices about their tools and the effect they wish to convey.



Class Dojo

We are finding it really useful to communicate with parents through the Class Dojo App. Please continue to use this to message your class teachers if there is anything we can help you with or to send any work you would like us to see.



ClassDojo

School website

For more detailed information in all subjects visit the year 6 class page and curriculum page at www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk