

Dodford First School

English

Please help at home by continuing to hear your child read a range of books both fiction and non-fiction. Ask them questions about the story/ characters/ setting.

The main focus this term will be on the following:

Poetry

Playscripts

Recounts: newspapers

Diaries and letters

Fiction - Folk tales/fables/ legends

Information texts linked to topic

Word lists will be sent home on Monday - remember to practise them every day. A spellings test will take place on the following Monday.

Computing

Children will expand their computing skills using a range of software and hardware throughout all subjects.

Music

Children will be learning a range of songs towards our Young Voices concert.

PE

In PE we will have two games sessions per week. Class teachers will focus upon gymnastics and dance this term. Alan Gormley will focus upon games skills to include Hockey.

Autumn Term

Topic: Fights and Forts



They will be studying aspects of medieval history, including the Bayeux Tapestry and the events of 1066 and beyond. They will be looking in detail at the lives of those living in castles. They will also be looking at the events leading to and after the English Civil War.

Skills in this topic include:

Developing their understanding that the past can be divided into periods of time.

Exploring how we know about the past and how the past is represented.

Recognising similarities and differences between people's lives in the past.

Beginning to give reasons for and the results of main events and changes.

French

Children will begin to learn French this term. This will include amongst others; greetings, numbers, days of the week, months of the year.

Maths

Throughout the term:

- Counting, Partitioning, Rounding, Ordering, Reading and Writing Numbers.
- Mental addition and subtraction strategies.
- Written addition and subtraction strategies.
- Geometry: 2D/3D shapes and symmetry.
- Measurement kg, g, m, cm
- Multiplication, Division and Fractions.

Please practise ALL times tables facts to 12 x 12, including division facts.

Science:

Children will be covering a unit called Animals including Humans. They will be learning about the diets of animals and healthy eating. They will study the skeletons of animals and humans and learn how muscles and joints work.

RE

The children will learn about beliefs about God in the Christian, Muslim and Hindu faiths.

PSHE

Children will consider ways in which their behaviour and actions affect the emotions of others. They will be exploring different ways to deal with positive and negative emotions.

Key skills will be developed in all areas of the curriculum and learning will be linked to our Topic Focus wherever appropriate

Homework – Home learning will alternate weekly between Maths and English with an occasional topic focus. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated. There will be a greater emphasis upon writing through their English homework.

Library – Our library days and times will be posted on our classroom window and on the school weekly newsletters.

P.E.

Tuesday – gymnastics or
dance
Friday – games

Please ensure that children
have their correct outdoor kit
in school every day this term
Please ensure the children
have removed earrings and
have their hair tied back on
P.E. days.

Thank you

Miss Strachan, Mrs Jackson
and myself would like to
thank you for all the lovely
end of term presents we
received. We feel very
touched by your generosity.

Please encourage your child to complete
homework independently and carefully.
Please check your child's homework
when they have finished. Complete all
homework in pencil.

Please send a note in to Mrs Eggleton in
your child's home learning diary if there
is a particular problem completing
homework activities. This can be
followed up at school.

Don't forget that children in
Year 4 can write comments
about their reading in their new
home learning diaries
themselves. Please monitor
their comments.

Don't forget that
www.educationcity.com and
Bug Club is a fantastic place
to visit should you wish to
supplement your child's
homework.

English homework will often have a
writing/composition emphasis. Please
support your child by providing them with
a suitable environment to write. Allow
them to write independently at first. Talk
to them about their writing once they
have completed. Please encourage them
to re-read their work, looking for the
success criteria. Please avoid correcting
their work for them. It is better to work
with them, so that they can begin to
identify what they have done well and
what they can do better.