

**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. Please look at your child's target cards as these will provide you with ideas about what to ask them whilst supporting their reading.

1<sup>st</sup> half term:

- Narrative, The Iron Man
- Poetry, continuing to look at poetic forms and some aspects of classic poetry.
- Non-chronological reports linked to topic

2<sup>nd</sup> half term:

- Explanation linked to topic of volcanoes and earthquakes
- Newspaper articles
- Recounts

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 through all subjects. The children will use the internet responsibly to research information connected to our topic. They will use programming software and continuing to expand their understanding of algorithms. We will also use photo-editing software this term.

**Music**

The children will continue to follow our music programme Charanga. We will continue to learn songs, practise rhythms, learn about pulse and pitch.

**PE**

In PE we will have two sessions per week. Class teachers will focus upon Gymnastics and dance this term. Alan Gormley will focus upon games skills, leading up to our Sports Day.

**Summer Term**

**Topic:**

**What a Wonderful World!**  
**(Geography based)**



Looking at the term dates it's going to be a very busy term, but we hope to cover:

Rivers and mountains of the World  
Continents, countries and seas around the world

Climates around the world – hot climates (deserts/rainforests) cold climates-Antarctic/Arctic) temperate climates  
Earth quakes – location of tectonic plates and how earthquakes happen  
Volcanoes – how they happen and looking at the story of Pompeii.  
Investigating Tsunamis and Tornadoes.

**RE**

We will be looking at how different people believe in different things through studying contrasting religions: Islam and Hinduism.

**Art/DT**

The children will be using their sketchbooks. They will be practising the skills of drawing and painting. We will link our art with our topic.

**Maths**

*Throughout the term:*

- Counting, Partitioning, Rounding, Ordering, Reading and Writing Numbers. Revising Roman Numerals
- Mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Standard written methods for the four rules.
- Measurement involving mass, measures and capacity. Investigating area.
- Fractions; identifying fractions of amounts
- Statistics
- Applying four rules to problem solving

**Please continue to practise ALL tables upto 12 x 12 with your child (Year 4), or your child's targeted tables (Year 3). Remember to learn the division facts too.**

**Science:**

Science will be interlinked with our topic this term.

1<sup>st</sup> half term: We will be studying rocks and soils.

2<sup>nd</sup> half term : We will be looking at the three states of matter ; solids, liquids and gases.

**PSHE**

Children will continue to learn how to work with others and will also focus upon their listening skills. They will begin to discuss and recognise different risks in different situations and then decide how to behave responsibly. In the second half we will begin discussions about change particularly focusing upon their next steps into Middle School or Year 4.

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

**Homework –** As usual children will have alternate weekly homework of maths and English. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

**Library –** Library dates will be published in the school newsletter. A list of dates will also be displayed in the classroom.

Please regularly initial your child's spelling book and monitor your child's reading diary.

### 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 that children have removed earrings and have their hair tied back on P.E. days.

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 if there is a particular problem completing homework activities. This can be followed up at school.

Please remember to continue to practise times tables with your child.

Children in Year 4 should work on ALL times tables

Don't forget that [www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com) 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 their own personal targets. 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.

Don't forget your child's targets when completing homework, especially their writing targets.