

**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 through 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. Investigating the lives of those living in castles and studying events leading to and after the English Civil War.

Skills in this topic include:

Developing their understanding that the past can be divided into different 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

Using a range of primary and secondary sources of evidence and evaluate their reliability.

**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.
- Measurement including length and mass.
- Geometry: 2D/3D shapes and symmetry.
- Multiplication, Division and Fractions.

Please practise the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables with your child. Remember to learn the division facts too.

**Science:**

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

**RE**

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

**PSHE**

Children will continue to develop their understanding of the importance of listening skills. They will be given opportunities to express their opinions. They will experience giving and receiving feedback during group work.

*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.

Please supply your child with fruit or a healthy snack for morning break as children in Year 3 are no longer provided with free fruit.

### P.E.

Tuesday - gymnastics and 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.

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

Don't forget that children in Year 3 can now change their reading books on ANY day. Please write any comments in your child's home learning diary and sign each week.

Don't forget that [www.educationcity.com](http://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.