

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.