

Dodford First School

English

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:

Narrative writing: Children will be expanding their use of effective vocabulary, planning, drafting and editing their own writing. There will be a heavy emphasis upon the correct use of grammar and particularly sentence structure.

Poetry: Exploring poetic forms, generating effective vocabulary.

Information texts : Exploring the structure, grammar and punctuation in information texts. Linking their work to the topic.

Word lists will be sent home on Monday - remember to practise them every day. Please ensure that you monitor your child completing their spellings and sign their home learning books.

Autumn Term

Topic:

The Empire Strikes Back!



The Celtic way of life before the Romans
Roman invasion and settlement
Roman Life: clothes, houses, food, technology
Roman army
Roman beliefs and stories through myths
Resistance to the Romans – Boudicca
Roman legacy/long term impact upon Britain
Roman artefacts

Maths

Throughout the term:

- Place Value: Counting, Partitioning, Rounding, Ordering, Reading and Writing Numbers.
- Mental addition and subtraction strategies.
- Written addition and subtraction strategies.
- Geometry: 2D/3D shapes and symmetry.
- Multiplication, Division and Fractions.

Please practise ALL the times tables with your child. Remember to learn the division facts too.

Science:

Children will be covering:

1st half term: Light.

This will cover: sources of light, light travelling, shadows, mirrors

2nd half term: Electricity

This unit will cover: sources of electricity, electrical circuits, language associated with electricity

Computing

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

French

Year 3 children will begin to learn French this term. Year 4 will continue to consolidate previous learning and will learn French phrases

RE

We will look at festivals through the following religions: Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.

PE

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

Music

Children will enjoy two units of work which will focus upon singing, playing percussion instruments and musical games.

PSHE

Children will 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. We will also focus on Growth Mindset through our Ned character.

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

Homework – Homework will consist of Maths and English activities on alternate weeks, linked to work at school. There may be an occasional topic focus. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated.

Library – Our library time has yet to be decided, a note will follow.

Although many children in Year 4 are fluent readers, it remains vital that you continue to support your child by questioning them upon their reading to ensure a good level of understanding. Children in Year 4, may, unless otherwise instructed, record their own reading in their home learning books. Please continue to monitor their reading frequency and experiences.

P.E.

Tuesday – gymnastics or dance
Friday – games

Please ensure that children have their correct outdoor and indoor kit in school every day. 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.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your lovely end of term gifts, which were gratefully received by all staff in Key Stage 2.

Don't forget that 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 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.