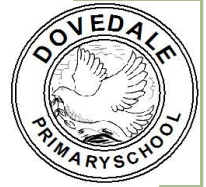


Dovedale Primary School



Happy New Year—Spring 2026

We hope you all had a very happy Christmas. Please read on for more information about what to look forward to this term and how you can support your child.

What's happening this term

Reading

In school, children will continue to participate in daily Read, Write Inc (phonic) lessons. They will bring home two books closely matched to the sounds they have been exposed to in class. Just a few minutes reading with your child each day makes a huge difference! Please send children to school with their book bags every day so an adult can read with your child and reading records may be checked by the class teacher. Book bags will continue to be collected in on a Wednesday and sent home on a Thursday with new books. Please note, we will only change your child's reading books if they have brought the previous week's books back to school.

Maths

This term we hope to have covered, in depth the following areas of maths learning:

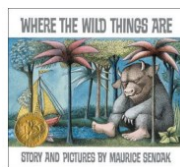
Spring 1	Numbers 0-10
Spring 2	Additive structures Addition and Subtraction facts within 10.

Please continue using Sumdog to support your child's learning in maths at home. Please let your child's teacher know if you require login details for this.



Writing

Two texts will provide the stimulus for writing in Spring term: 'Hermelin' and 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We will continue working on basic sentence features as well as learning to join words and clauses using the words 'and', 'so', 'because'. We will also practise using more complex punctuation such as question marks and exclamation marks.



Science

Our science topic this term is 'everyday materials.' Children will learn to distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made; identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock; describe the physical properties of everyday materials and group and classify materials based on their physical properties. We will be planning and carrying out a number of scientific investigations to test the suitability of different materials.



Art

This term's art will focus around the skills of paint. We will be learning to mix colours including warm and cold colours and secondary colours. After studying the work of Sonia Delaunay children will create their own abstract painting.

Geography

Our learning in geography will focus on countries and capitals of the UK. Children will learn that England is the country they live in and that the UK is a union of four countries. They will develop an understanding that the UK is pieces of land bordered by four seas. We will also learn the four capital cities of the UK and about other settlements (city, town and village) comparing human and physical features of each.

DT

In DT we will explore cooking and nutrition, with children designing, making and evaluating a healthy fruit pot.

PE

Children will be receiving PE lessons from their class teacher, as well as our sports coach. They will arrive into school on Wednesday in PE kits as usual. This term's sessions will be 'Ball Skills and Target games' which will focus on developing underarm and overarm throwing for accuracy and distance.

History

We will learn about The Beatles, finding out who they were, how they formed and the significance to our school and local area. We will find out about Beatlemania and the lasting legacy upon Liverpool and worldwide.



ClassDojo

Class Dojo

We will continue to communicate with parents through the Class Dojo App, where you can see posts of children's work or other information about the learning.

School website

For more detailed information in all subjects visit the Year 1 class page and curriculum page at www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk