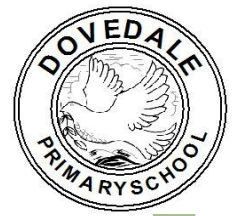


Dovedale Primary School



Welcome back—Spring 2026

May this year bring new happiness, new goals and new achievements for you to celebrate.

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

Reading practise is, of course, essential in Year 4, and the expectations for reading are high. Teachers will ask children in their class to read with them on a 1 to 1 basis, and will listen to a minimum of 10 children per week.

Expectations:

Children	Bring in reading diary and book every day.
Adults	Listen to children read at home and record X3 times per week.
Teachers	Listen to 10 children read 1:1 per week

Maths

We will continue with the mastery approach to maths. This term we hope to have covered — in depth — the following areas of maths learning:

Spring 1	7 times tables and patterns. Multiplication and division Understanding and manipulating multiplicative relationships.
Spring 2	Fractions — Review of fractions Geometry — Coordinates

This term we will continue to use maths platform (Sumdog) to set homework.

Teachers will set homework weekly, linked to the learning class, when applicable.

Parents can download to App. The children are also encouraged to use any Apps that will help with their times tables.



Writing

Two texts will provide the stimulus for writing in spring term. From studying the text, Arthur and the Golden Rope by Joe Todd-Stanton, the children will write a myth narrative and an instructional guide on how to defeat a Viking monster.



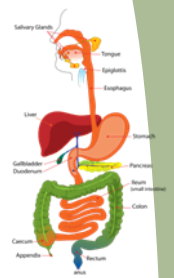
After reading Manfish by Jennifer Berne, the children will write a write an invention narrative and a biography about Jacques Cousteau.

Science

Animals including humans — Describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans Identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions.

The children will construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

States of matter — They will then compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled. Then, they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle.



Art

The focus for this term is to experiment painting with different paint brush sizes/thickness of paint and surfaces. They will produce a seascape/ landscape using photographs of the Mersey - inspired by Sheila Fell and Ted Harrison.



History

This term focus on The Maya Civilisation, in particular the classic period. We will answer the following question: What was life like at the height of the Mayan civilization?

Geography

We will be looking at how earthquakes are caused and the damaged they cause. Then, how volcanoes are formed and eruptions and what tectonic plates are.

PE

Children will be receiving PE lessons from their class teacher, as well as Mr Kirkwood or Mr Rogers. They will arrive into school on Wednesdays in PE kits as usual.

Our focus will be basketball and gymnastics.



Class Dojo

We will now be able to communicate with parents through the Class Dojo App, where you can see posts of children's work or other information about their learning. Follow the Parentmail link to connect.



School website

For more detailed information in all subjects visit the year 4 class page and curriculum page at www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk