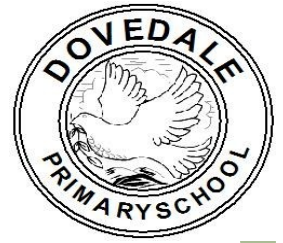


Dovedale Primary School



Welcome to Year 5—Autumn 2026

Welcome to a new term! We're delighted to be back learning together and hope the children and families are looking forward to all that's ahead. This term is packed with exciting opportunities and experiences. Below, you'll find an overview of what's coming up, along with ways you can support your child's learning. For a full curriculum overview, please visit the school website.

What's happening this term

Reading

Regular reading practice remains essential in Year 5, and we have high expectations for children's reading progress. Teachers will listen to children read on a one-to-one basis and aim to hear a minimum of 10 children each week.

Expectations:

Children	Bring in reading diary and book every day .
Adults	Listen to children read at home and record in diary X3 times per week .
Teachers	Listen to 10–15 children read 1:1 per week

Maths

Our maths teaching will continue to follow a mastery approach, supporting children to build confidence, fluency and a secure understanding of concepts. This term, children will study the following areas:

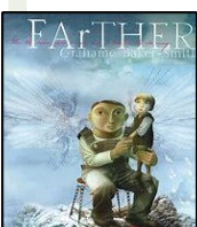
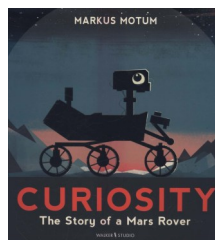
Autumn 1	Decimal Fractions, Area and Scaling & Converting units
Autumn 2	Money, Calculating with Decimal Fractions, Angles

Sumdog will remain our maths homework platform. Weekly homework will be set by teachers to reinforce classroom learning, and children will continue to use their existing login details.



Writing

In the autumn term, children will be inspired by two engaging texts. Through exploring *Curiosity*, children will create an Exploration Narrative and a Formal Mission Log, focusing on how writers adapt language, style and techniques.



Following their reading of *FARTHER* by Graham Baker-Smith, children will develop their descriptive writing through the creation of a setting narrative before crafting a final letter as part of the drafting and editing process. Children will explore the impact of emotive vocabulary and figurative language.

Science

Our first science unit will explore Earth and Space, where children will work scientifically to develop their understanding of Earth's place in the solar system, the phases of the Moon, and how day and night and the seasons occur. We will then investigate changes over time, including how humans grow and develop from birth through to old age.

Art

This term, children will develop their drawing skills, taking inspiration from our writing text, science learning and the work of artist Peter Thorpe.

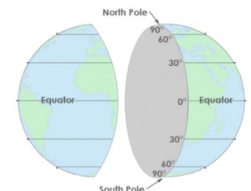


History

Children will be progressing chronologically from the Romans in year 4, starting with the Anglo Saxons, learning more about their impact on British history as well as developing more understanding about the Scots, Picts, Vikings and Anglo Saxons.

Geography

Longitude and Latitude will be the focus of geographical understanding this term, with a big focus on mapwork, and using longitude and latitude to help understand time zones and climate zones.



PE

Children will be receiving PE lessons from their class teacher, as well as Mr Kirkwood. They will arrive into school on Monday in PE kits as usual. We will develop skills in gymnastics as well as increasing understanding of rules and skills in Netball.

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 and updates.



School website

For more detailed information on all subjects, visit the year 5 class page and curriculum pages at: www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk