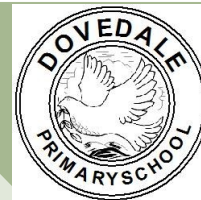


# Dovedale Primary School



We hope the children and parents are as excited as we are to get stuck into year 6. It's going to be a busy year!

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

### Maths

We will be continuing our maths mastery approach, which has been successfully implemented throughout the school, increasing children's confidence and fluency in all areas of maths. We will also have weekly arithmetic sessions. Any maths homework sent home, we ask that it is completed with great importance to ensure children are fully prepared for both the arithmetic and reasoning SATs tests. Teachers will continue set homework on Sumdog, linked to the learning in class. All children will be given their usernames and passwords to access Sumdog.

### Reading

Reading practice is, of course, essential in year 6, and the expectations for reading are high. Children will be expected to bring in their reading book and record daily. For homework, we will be sending home Year 6 levelled comprehension weekly and ask that children read 3 times at home between Mon—Fri and record this in their reading records.

### English

Two texts will provide the stimulus for writing in autumn term. From studying the text, *Hansel and Gretel*, children will complete a Dual Narrative and Persuasive Letter.



After reading a refugee text, *Story Like the Wind*, children will write their own Flashback Narrative and Newspaper Report.

### Science

Our first topic is Animals Including humans – we will be investigating heart rate, the composition of blood, the circulatory system and the role of the blood and the effect of exercise, drugs and alcohol on our bodies. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about 'Electricity', comparing variations in how components function and investigating brightness of bulbs and loudness of buzzers.

### Geography

This term we will be learning all about distribution of natural resources and trade links and sustainability. We will investigate renewable energy sources, the benefits and issues of importing and exporting food, how electricity is distributed and how food and water wastage can be reduced.

### History

Our History topic this term will be looking at changes in social History after 1066 with a focus on how the Slave Trade impacted on Liverpool. We will learn about how the slave trade changed the city's wealth and how it has had a lasting impact today.

### PE

Children will be receiving PE lessons from their class teacher, as well as Mr Kirkwood. Children will come into school on Thursday in PE kits. This term, we will start with a series of lessons in cricket, looking at the fundamental skills and rules of the game. In the second half of the term, we will be focussing on gymnastics.

### Art

The focus for this term is drawing skills, using our science topic linked to the heart as a stimulus. Children will research and develop their understanding of Leonardo De Vinci's works and produce a series of observational drawings using pencils and oil pastels before designing their own interpretation of a heart.

**WELCOME BACK!**



### School website

Follow the journey of our children on your child's Class Dojo page. Continue to check our Year class page for up-to-date information. **Year 6 Team.**

**ClassDojo**

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