

How to Help at Home



Your support at home is invaluable and is very much appreciated.

- Remind your child of the importance of reading their weekly reading book, which is at their appropriate Read Write Inc level. We expect at least one comment from a parent or carer per week in your child's reading diary (three would be great). Please refer to the guidance in the front of the reading diary.
- Support and encourage your child to learn their weekly spellings over the week. Our quiz will be every Tuesday and on this day, we will also send home their new spellings for the following week.
- Please support your child to complete their 30 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars per week. Passwords will be stuck in your child's reading diary.
- After half-term, we will be sending home CPG workbooks to support your child with their Maths and Writing. More information about these books will be shared closer to the time.
- Keep a regular check on: texts, Facebook and emails.
- Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit and school hoodie every Monday and Thursday.
- Forest School day is on a Tuesday. Please make sure that your child brings appropriate footwear that they can change into, preferably wellies.

Dates for the Diary



Date	Event
6th September	Start of school year
29th September	Coffee morning
2nd October	Harvest Festival
16th October	School photographer
18th October	Flu immunisations
WC 30th Oct	Half term
27th November	Occasional Day
22nd December	End of Autumn term

We regularly use Facebook, text and email to update and remind parents of events.
Please ensure that the office have your current mobile and email address.

Curriculum Overview



AUTUMN TERM 2023



YEAR 2



Dunston Hill
Community Primary School

Ready



Respect



Kind



Welcome



Welcome to our Year 2 Autumn Term Overview. This overview will provide you with key information about our curriculum this term.

Mrs Berry, Miss Conway, Mrs Harm and Mrs Rippon.

English Overview



Reading

As in Year 1, we will continue to follow our successful Read Write Inc. programme. We will focus on blending sounds accurately to read unfamiliar words, as well as reading common exception words. We will also focus on developing fluency and speed, especially when reading longer words. Children will develop their comprehension skills by answering a range of questions about what they have read.

Writing

This term we begin our exciting new "Ready Steady Write" writing lessons. These will allow the children to immerse, analyse, plan, draft, write and edit their own writing based around the books: The River and The Night Gardener, where we will be writing a circular story and a letter. We will be working on punctuating our sentences and we will learn other skills such as: using suffixes and conjunctions. Once a week, we will have a dedicated spelling session where we will explore a range of spelling rules and these will be the focus of our weekly spellings. Learning these spellings will help to build confidence and provide a strong foundation for their writing.

Maths Overview



During this term, we will be deepening our understanding of numbers 10 to 100. To do this, we will learn how to count in multiples of 10 and then we will move on to adding and subtracting multiples of 10. The children will learn about the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. Then they will learn how to compare and order 2-digit numbers and place these on a number line.

Later in the term, we will develop our calculation strategies for addition and subtraction and we will begin with numbers up to 20. This will include adding three one-digit numbers, before progressing to adding and subtracting two numbers that bridge through 10. Once we are familiar with different methods, we will then move on to adding and subtracting two two-digit numbers.

Each week, we will have a Maths lesson dedicated to learning our times tables. We will focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and once secure, we will move onto learning the associated division facts.

In all areas of Maths, children will develop their reasoning skills and they will be taught how to explain their answers orally and in writing. They will also be given the opportunity to solve a range of problems in the above areas.

Science Overview



Children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will look closely at the life-cycle of a frog then we will look at the human life-cycle. Next, children will learn about the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food and they will learn how to classify food into different groups. They will also learn about the importance of exercise and good hygiene. Later in the term, they will learn about the properties of different materials and their uses.

Our Curriculum



RE: Children will learn about different aspects of Islam, including where they go to worship and the importance of the Prophet Muhammed to Muslims in their daily life.

PSHE: In our PSHE lessons, we will be focussing on our health and well-being. We will begin by exploring our feelings and ways to manage them and then we will move on to looking at ways which we can be more independent.

History/Geography: In our History lessons, children will use a range of sources to answer questions about the past and identify differences between ways of life at different times. These skills will be developed through the context of The Great Fire of London. After half-term, we will develop our geographical skills, including map reading skills, by looking at the four countries of the United Kingdom, as well as being able to name the continents and oceans of the world.

Art / Music / DT: In Art, will be focussing on the work of Alma Woodsey Thomas and we will have a go at creating our own pieces in the style of her work. In our Music lessons, we will be exploring the musical elements beat and pitch as well as learning how to sing with expression. In our DT lessons, we will design, make and evaluate a healthy pizza.

Computing: Children will be learning how online information about themselves can be seen by others and explain some rules for keeping information private. Children will use PurpleMash to create art using technology.

P.E: In our dance lessons, children will learn how to combine a range of movements to produce a dance sequence based on The Great Fire of London. We will also put our teamwork skills to the test and we will play a variety of games.

Homework



Our main focus is to work collaboratively with parents and carers to secure children's knowledge and application of basic skills in reading, writing and maths. This will include reading their reading book, learning times tables and practising spellings. Please see the 'How to help at home' section for more information.