

Other information

PE will take place on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school!

How can you help at home?

Reading is a vital skill. Your child will bring home a reading book every night. We would appreciate your support in hearing your child read regularly and returning the book and signed diary to school the following day. **Reading books will be changed each Thursday ONLY if your child has read to an adult four times and completed the books given.**

Please support your child by listening to them read each night. Asking them questions about what they have read is a great way to help them develop their skills and understanding.

Please sign the reading record book every time you have listened to your child read.

We give homework **every Thursday** which has to be completed and returned on the following **Monday**. The homework will be closely linked to our work in class. The homework activities can be English, Mathematics or Science based, with children sometimes being asked to find out information about a topic by doing personal research. They will also complete homework activities on Mathletics, Purple Mash and Timetables Rockstars. We would appreciate it if you could find the time to work with your child through their homework.

Spellings will be given every **Thursday** and need to be practised every night. They will be tested the following **Thursday** and a new set of words will then be given.

We hope you find this information newsletter useful and that it enables you to have some insight into what your child will be doing at school this term. We look forward to working with you to ensure that this first term in Doves is a very successful one for your child.

Thank you for your support!

Doves' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025



**Miss Galvin
Mrs Monk**

Curriculum News

English:

Our English topic for this term is Space! The children will read and listen to a variety of exciting stories about planets and aliens. They will learn about the features of space, famous astronauts and the first moon landing. They will also discover facts about planets and space travel. The children will create their own stories, non-chronological reports and explanation texts linked to this.

We will also be reading and reciting a variety of poems and composing our own. Our English lessons also include weekly vocabulary, grammar and spelling activities and homework will be set related to this.

Mathematics:

In mathematics the children will focus on:

- Place value and mental calculation
- 2D shape
- Length incl. perimeter
- Statistics
- Mental calculation
- Written addition
- Written subtraction
- Multiplication tables (3x, 4x)
- Written and mental multiplication
- Written and mental division
- Time
- 3D shape

Science

Nutrition and Skeletons –in this topic children will work scientifically on a variety of challenges and tasks to learn about the food we need and why it's important, as well as skeletons and muscles.

Rocks – The children's investigations will include: comparing and grouping different types of rocks and begin to understand how different types of rocks are formed.

Geography

Our topic this term is all about Europe. The children will learn about Europe as a continent and be able to identify it on a world map. They will identify and locate countries within Europe and also learn about the major capital cities within this continent. They will focus upon the Mediterranean and compare the UK to Spain. Throughout this topic the children will be developing their atlas work and mapping skills.

Art & Design Technology

Linked to our Europe topic the children will study the work of the artist Picasso and develop their own art skills through sketching and painting portraits. They will also create a Mediterranean meal.

Linked to our Space theme in English the children will also use Art and Design Technology to further develop their knowledge of this topic by creating their own rocket models and designing and constructing stands to hold them before launch.

RE:

Rules for Living – this will give children the opportunity to consider the concept and purpose of rules.

Christmas and God with Us – children will be given the opportunity to reflect upon Christmas as a celebration of God's presence with us more than 2000 years ago.

Computing:

- Touch typing
- Coding

Spanish:

- Meetings and greetings
- Numbers up to 20
- Saying how they feel

Music:

- **Let Your Spirit Fly**

This is an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc), singing and playing instruments are all linked.

- **The Dragon Song**

This will include a class performance of a song

PE:

- Tri Golf
- Space Dance