

Other information

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

How can you help at home?

Please read with your child at least four times each week, adding a comment and a signature to the reading record each time. It is particularly helpful for us to know if there are any words your child found challenging to read so that we can focus on these when we read in school. Please send the reading book in every day.

We will change your child's books on their book change day, providing they have read four times that week and can confidently discuss their books. Their book change day is on the book mark that is in their reading pack.

We give homework **every Thursday** which has to be completed and returned on the following **Wednesday**. The homework will be closely linked to our work in class and provide an ideal opportunity for the children to consolidate their new learning as well as working on their own specific targets.

Spellings will be given every **Tuesday** and need to be practised before the spelling test on **Monday**.

Please help the children to remember to bring their water bottle each day filled with fresh water. Bottles are refilled throughout the day as needed.

We hope you find this information 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 Key Stage 2 is a very successful one for your child.

Thank you for your support!

Doves' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026



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Curriculum News

English:

Using 'The Iron Man' and 'Fox' as stimuli, the children will be writing:

- An approaching threat narrative
- An explanation text based on a trap
- A fable narrative
- An information report

We will use 'Sentence Accuracy' tasks to teach and practice grammatical skills and we will enjoy daily reading sessions focusing on fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Mathematics:

In mathematics the children will focus on:

- Adding and subtracting across 10
- Securing place value to 100
- Counting on and back in 10s
- Adding and subtracting multiples of 10
- Measuring length
- Recording data in tables

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 beginning to understand how different types of rocks and fossils are formed.

RE:

Our unit on 'The Golden Rule' provides the children with opportunities to learn about and discuss the value and purpose of rules. We link this to rules in Christianity and other world faiths and the children reflect on their lifestyle and the things that influence it.

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 locate countries within Europe and also learn about the major capital cities within this continent. They will conduct a study of 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

The children will study the work of the artist Picasso and develop their skills through sketching and painting portraits. They will also create a Mediterranean meal.

Computing:

- Touch typing
- Microbits
- Spreadsheets

We use Purple Mash during our computing lessons and we will also sometimes use it to set homework.

Spanish

The children study Spanish culture and learn how to greet someone, introduce themselves and discuss how they feel.

Music:

Lights! Camera! Action! The children will learn about how composers create music for films and television. They will end the unit by composing and performing their own music for a fairytale film.

PE:

We will begin the year with the fundamental skills of running, balancing, hopping, skipping and jumping. We will then move onto ball skills and use small group games to help the children to refine their dribbling, kicking, throwing and catching skills.