



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024—2025

Miss Jackson

Welcome to Doves' Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Autumn Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Miss Jackson directly, in the first instance.

Topic

Our topic for this term is 'Yabadabadoo!'. Through our History lessons we will develop a chronological understanding of the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and construct the past using a range of sources. We will discover how people survived using the technology available and how the invention of bronze and iron impacted on everyday life.

Maths

We will begin the term by consolidating our understanding of the structure of two-digit numbers and partitioning them into tens and ones. We will extend our understanding of addition and subtraction and bridging 10. We will then focus on numbers to 1000. Children in Dove will also be learning the 10x, 2x, 5x and 3x tables and continued practise at home would help secure these facts.

English

In our English lessons we will focus on consolidating our sentences. We will be learning what makes a sentence and the importance of accurate punctuation. We will also be writing character descriptions focusing on the book 'The Smartest Giant In Town' by Julia Donaldson. A copy of this book will also be sent home for your child to read and keep.

RE

In the first half term we will be focussing on the big question 'Who made the world?' by exploring creation and how the creation story fits into the big picture.

This will lead on to the second half term 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' We will reflect on the birth of Jesus and the significance of Christmas. We will have lots of fun making Christmas cards and singing hymns and carols.

Science

Our Science focus this term is 'Rocks'.

We will be comparing and grouping different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. We will also use different types of scientific enquiry to answer questions such as how fossils are formed.



PE, Swimming and Forest Schools

All children in Dove class will have a PE lesson on a Friday morning with Soccer 2000. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (including joggers) in school as it is expected all children participate.

On Thursday afternoons some children will have swimming lessons at St Regis Church of England Academy (previously known as The King's School) and others will take part in an additional P.E lesson. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit and/or P.E kit for these days.

All children will also take part in forest schools on a Monday afternoon and during the winter months, children may wish to bring wellies or boots.

- Monday's - Forest School
- Thursday's - Swimming and P.E
- Friday's - P.E

Other Curriculum Areas

Spanish

Some children from Dove class will begin taking part in Spanish lessons on a Friday. This will focus on the basics of the Spanish language such as days of the week and months.



Art

In Art, we will learn about cave paintings and will be using a range of natural materials to create our own cave paintings and drawings.

PSHEe

Our PSHEe topics for this term will be Back to School, Getting on with Everyone and Dealing with Feelings. We will be celebrating World Mental Health day and learning how we can improve our mental health.

Diary Dates

27.09.24	Book Fair arrives
30.09.24	St Michael's Day Service at church
03.10.24	Flu Vaccinations
07.10.24	School Photographs
11.10.24	Harvest Festival

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