

Dove Class Timetable						
			Storytime			
	4th lesson 14:00- 15:00	PE	Computing	Music	PSHE	PE
	3rd lesson 13:10- 14:00	RE	History / Geography	Science	Art/Dt	
Lunch 12:00 – 13:00						
	2nd lesson 11:00 - 12:00	English	English	English	English	Maths
Break 10:45 - 11:00						
Phonics 10:15 - 10:45						
Assembly 10 - 10:15						
	1st Lesson 09:00 -10:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	English
	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills	Basic Skills
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						

Dove Class Year 1 & 2



Spring 2024

Newsletter
for
Children
and
Parents



Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Dove Class. I hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas break and that your child is excited about returning to school in Key Stage 1.

Staff: Mrs Fulford will be teaching in Dove Class every day. Miss Griffin will be supporting the class.

Daily Routines: Dove Class children will meet their teacher on the playground at 08:45 am and will be taken to class. At the end of the day, children will be released from the playground at 3:15pm, once they have let the teacher know that they can see their parent/guardian.

Reading Books: Each child will have three reading books—a Read Write Inc book that they have been reading in class, a Read Write Inc book matched to their ability and a library book.

Children should have their reading books in school every day. The school strongly encourages families to read on a daily basis to support progress. When you do, please write a short note and the next page number in the reading record book. All children will read with an adult during guided reading and also on an individual basis at least once a week. Some may receive additional support to address their areas of difficulty. The Read Write Inc books will be changed on a Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to choose books from the library each week.

PE: We have two PE lessons a week on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named and that your child's kit contains a black or navy tracksuit for outdoor PE. Many children prefer to leave it in school for the half term. If girls cannot take their own earrings out for PE then you must have tape in their PE bags for them. Help your children to be organised and prepare them for middle school by always ensuring their kit is in school.

Homework: Each week your child will bring home spelling words to learn. They will be tested every Monday and a new set of words will be sent out on the same day. Your child will have a piece of English and Maths homework on alternate weeks, given on a Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday. Children should produce the same high standards of work with their homework as they would in class, presenting work neatly and trying their best.

Water Bottles: Children should drink throughout the day; therefore, please send a named water bottle into school each day so that your child can have water in the classroom during lessons. The water bottle will be sent home at the end of the day to be washed, re-filled with water and returned the following day.

Snack: Please be reminded that children may bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables for their snack. Please avoid the dried, coated packets of fruit.

Packed Lunch: As a school we have a managing allergies policy, so please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any traces of nuts eg: Nutella.

Medical: If your child suffers a minor bump to the head, they will come home with a wristband as well as the usual slip to make you aware. Please ensure the school office is made aware of any allergies or medical requirements your child has as soon as possible.

Uniform: As we start a new term, we would like to remind parents that all children should be wearing the correct uniform to school. Smart trousers or a grey pinafore skirt should be worn. Smart school shoes must be worn by all children. Detailed information about uniform can be found on our school website.

Topic Information for Parents

English — This term, we will be using the books 'The Dragon Machine' and 'My Name is not Refugee'. The children will create and describe characters and settings. They will use subordination, write expanded noun phrases, use the past and present tense and use punctuation correctly.

Maths — Place value, written and mental addition and subtraction, multiplication and division using times tables, doubles and half, shape naming 2D and 3D shapes, time using an analogue clock and digital clock.

Geography — Sensational Safari Name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans of the world with a particular focus on Africa.

History—Nurturing Nurses Show an understanding of the chronology of the historical periods in which Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.

Science — We will be studying Everyday Materials and Plants.

RE — Learning about Muslims, what they believe and how they live? and why does Easter matter to Christians?

Art — Portraits which will include painting, printing and colouring activities, looking at the artist Lowry.

DT— Explore and evaluate a range of existing products in our topic 'Dips and Dippers'.

PSHE — Our world and Safety First

Music — We will learn about duration and singing in a round with Grandma Rap, and learn about beat and classical music with 'Swing along with Shostakovich'.

Computing— Children use computing skills daily across the whole curriculum, however, in the weekly computing lesson topics will include Online Safety, Animate Story Books and Making Music.

Year 1&2 events this term:

Week commencing 22nd January—Dove Class charity week More details will follow with the weekly newsletters.

Tuesday 6th February—Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 5th March—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—6.00pm

Wednesday 6th March—Parent Consultations—8.10am—10.30am

Please note that other whole school events will be published with the school newsletter.

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

January— Appreciation February— Honesty March— Courage

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.