



Dove Class—Year 1 & 2

Spring Term 2026

Parent Information

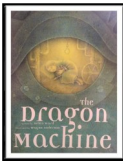


Our values this term are appreciation, honesty and courage.

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.

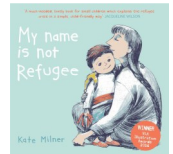
English

Our books this term are 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward and 'My name is not Refugee' by Kate Milner.



We will be continuing to learn how to use punctuation correctly, including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will use subordination (because, when) and coordination (and, or, but) to join sentences. The children will use the present and past tense correctly in our writing and use expanded noun phrases. The children will write their own stories based on the characters and the machine in 'The Dragon Machine'. We will then learn how to write sentences in different forms—statement, exclamation, question and command and use the progressive form of verbs in the past and present tense.

The children will write a recount of events from the text from the character's point of view.



Science

Uses of Everyday Materials

We will learn about the uses of everyday materials including wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard.

Living Things and their Habitats

The children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there.



Maths

Year One will be learning about addition and subtraction, length and height along with mass and volume, and revisiting place value. We will use of ten frames, counters and cubes to help us.

Year Two will be learning about: **Money**—counting money, making amounts and finding change. **Multiplication and Division**—Recognising equal groups, using arrays, the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Solving problems using multiplication and division. **Length, Height Mass, Capacity and Temperature.**



History

The Great Fire of London

The children will learn about key events of the Great Fire of London and develop an understanding of ways in which we find out about the past. They will think about what London was like in the past and how it compares to the present day.



Art

Lowry

The children will learn about the life of Lowry and to learn about the industrial landscape that provided the subject of his many paintings. They children will mix colours, paint a seascape, draw buildings and figures.



RE

Who is a Muslim?

We will be learning about Islam. We will learn about the beliefs of Islam and how Muslims live.



Geography

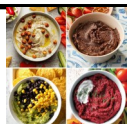
Sensational Safari

The children will learn about the main human and physical features of Kenya. They will learn about the similarities and differences between life in Sundon and village life in Kenya.

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Dips and Dippers

The children will learn about good food hygiene rules and using kitchen equipment to prepare food safely.



PSHE

One World

The children will learn about the relationship between people and their environment and how people use the Earth's resources.

Safety First

We will learn about everyday dangers, in the home and outside and how they can keep themselves safe.



Computing



We will learn about programming, multimedia and online safe-

Music

We will explore beat and rhythm using crotchets and quavers. Beginning with on-the-spot actions, followed by stepping the durations, stick notation is introduced and pupils go on to create their own 4-beat patterns.



PE

We will focus on OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activities), gymnastics, and developing hitting skills using a variety of bats.



Staff

Dove Class will be taught by Miss Sanby and supported by Mrs Shuttleworth and Mrs Davis.

Reading

Every child will have reading books linked to their reading ability and a library book.

Please ensure that the children bring their reading books into school every day. They will read with an adult in school, sometimes on a one-to-one basis, sometimes in a small group and sometimes as a whole class activity.

Our weekly library slot will be a Friday. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.



Home Learning

Home Learning is set on a Friday and collected in on a Thursday. Home Learning in Year 1/2 consists of:

- Reading 5 times a week at home.
- A Maths activity linked to current learning.
- An optional Phonics activity, covering the sounds learned during the week.
- A vocabulary list which will be relevant to their learning that half term—the meaning or spelling of these will not be tested at school; however you may wish to practise these with your child at home.

We do not expect families to do extra home learning at home. However, if you wish to find out more about the topics over-leaf, please do so. Some examples of activities that you may wish to do are:

- Find out about the London, in the past and in the present time.
- Create landscape pictures.
- Try making and tasting different dips at home.
- Research what life is like in Africa.

Daily routines



Children should arrive at 8:40, line up and enter at 8:45am. Children will enter the classroom, put away their belongings and start the morning activity. The register will close at 9am.

PE kit

Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Children should have a **named** PE kit (in a drawstring PE bag) in school at all times during the term. Kit should include t-shirt, shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children may also wear jogging bottoms and a sweater/fleece as we will be going outside. Any children with ear piercings will need to be able to remove their own studs or bring in tape to protect them. This PE kit should stay in school and will be sent home at the end of each half term.



Water bottles and snack/lunches



Children may bring in a named water bottle so they can drink throughout the day. The bottles will be sent home for washing every day.

Morning snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit or vegetables. We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.



First aid

If your child has a head bump, they will be given a wristband to wear and they will receive an incident slip. This will be placed in their book bag informing you of the incident and the first aid administered. If it is a more serious injury we will phone you immediately.