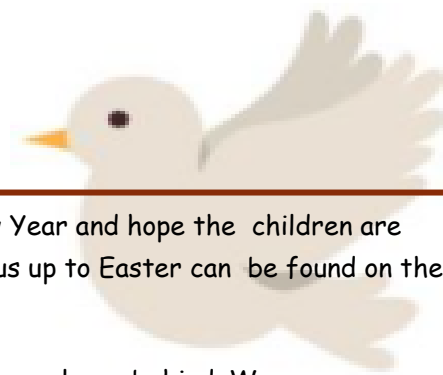


Doves Newsletter

Spring Term 2025



Firstly, welcome back to Doves class! We would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and hope the children are refreshed and recharged for our new topic **Fire** and **Ice!** Our curriculum map taking us up to Easter can be found on the Curriculum page of our website.

Now that we have reached the Spring Term, it is a great time to reflect on the term we leave behind. We are sure you will agree that the progress and development shown by Doves Class is amazing. We are incredibly proud of the learning the children have undertaken and the progress they have managed to make. All the children are reading with ever increasing confidence and their phonic knowledge is being applied in their writing process, where enthusiasm for writing is clear to see!

Your support and encouragement in this area is crucial and has allowed for all of the children to demonstrate a great ability and enthusiasm for learning. We very much are looking forward to seeing how the class continues to develop over the remainder of the year.

Throughout the remainder of this newsletter, you should find some useful information on our next steps in your child's learning as well as hints and tips on how best to support your child. We'd like to end by reminding you that we are always here to help should you have any questions or concerns. Meetings can be made via a note in the home-school record provided or through the class email address doves@hcschool.org.uk.

Dates for your Diary

- **Open classroom Event - 5th February 2025 at 2:45pm** - If you would like the opportunity to pop in to your child's classroom to have a look at your child's books, the classroom doors will be open from 2:45pm until 3:30pm.
- **'Shine Bright, Wear Bright' Mufti Day - 7th February 2025** - Children have the opportunity to wear something 'bright' or mufti and bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 for the charity of CHUMS to support children's mental health.
- **Safer Internet Day - 11th February**
- **Parents Evening Appointment (main school only) - 25th February 2025 3:40-6pm and 27th February 5-7pm**
- **Parents of Doves class Phonics Screening Information Breakfast Event - 13th February 8:30am-9:15am.**
- **World Book Day - 3rd March 2025**
- **Science Day - 7th March 2025**
- **Science Day - 13th March**

Forest School

This term Doves class will be taking part in Forest School, which will be held every **Tuesday afternoon** (half the class before half term and the other half after). Please can you ensure your child has their Forest School clothes with them for their allocated sessions.

PE

Our PE lesson is on a **Friday afternoon**, and therefore your child will be required to wear their PE kit in school on those days. We will take some of our PE lessons outside this term, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for this. Long hair needs to be tied back on PE days and anyone with earrings should either take them out on these days or bring in some micropore tape to cover their ears.

Learning at Home

Thank you for your continued support with helping your child practice their learning at home!

Home Spellings

Your child will bring home a 'Home Spellings' book which is to be completed three times per week. Please help your child follow our Look, Cover, Write, Check strategy.

Please ensure your child's spelling book is in school every Friday. Spellings will be set on a Monday and will be collected in on a Friday



Phonics

Following on from the Phonics Information Breakfast event, your child will bring home one piece of phonics home learning a week. Each piece of work will focus on one or two key sound to practice as we prepare for our phonics screening. This will be sent home on a Friday and does not need to be returned but if the children would like to share their work they can, of course, bring them in.



Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed every Friday with their new book that has been matched to their phonetic ability.

Please ensure your child has their book in school every day.

I would encourage you to help the progression of your child's reading by asking them questions about the book regularly; examples of questions can be found in your child's reading record.

Values

This term the themes are...

January - Appreciation

February - Positivity

March - Liberty

Learning Logs

Withing your Learning Log, we are happy with just a couple of drawings/photographs with a caption or two will be sufficient. If your child wants to do more than this, please use no more than the double page with the topic label. We aren't judging the best handwriting or spelling; we are looking for imaginative ideas expressed by the children through pictures and words. We hope you will enjoy spending time with your child talking about each learning log topic with your child. Just a reminder these are not compulsory, however they do play a huge part in developing the children's confidence, fine motor and communication and language skills.

Phonics

During Autumn term Doves Class have worked very hard to begin learning our phase 5 phonics sounds. This term we will finish learning the sounds and begin revising them and preparing for our phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is a national requirement for all year 1 children.

There is an information breakfast event scheduled about the screening, if you have any questions following this, please catch me at the end of the day or email me directly.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Hoyte and Miss Rolfe