

Doves Newsletter

Spring Term 2026



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 takes us up to Easter and 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 are very much looking forward to seeing how the class continues to develop over the remainder of the year.

Throughout 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

- **Enrichment Day and Open Classroom - Eco Friendly - Friday 6th February**
- **Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 10th February**
- **Parents of Doves class Phonics Screening Information Breakfast Event - Wednesday 25th February 2026**
- **World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026**
- **Parents Evening Appointment - Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March**
- **Science Day - 17th March**

Further information will be provided on these events closer to the time.

Physical Education:

Our PE lesson is on a **Monday and Tuesday Afternoon** and therefore your child will be required to wear their PE kit in school on these 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 containing the spellings for the term, which can be practiced either in the book or on Spelling Shed.



Phonics

We will be holding our Phonics Reading Breakfast in February which will provide key information on the Phonics Screening which will take place for all Year 1 children in June. Each child will receive a phonics pack and it would be really beneficial for them to work on the activities over the next few months to help improve confidence.



Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed every Thursday 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 of the month:

This term the themes are...

January - Appreciation

February - Positivity

March - Liberty

April - Hope

Learning Logs

We hope you will enjoy spending time with your child talking about each learning log topic together. These activities are a lovely opportunity to share your child's learning and encourage meaningful conversations at home. Just a reminder that learning logs are not compulsory; however, they play a valuable role in developing children's confidence, fine motor skills, and communication and language skills. Each learning log activity will be added to your child's book (each term), so please look out for these and feel free to complete them at a time when best suits your family.

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.



Thank you for your support,
Miss Dancer