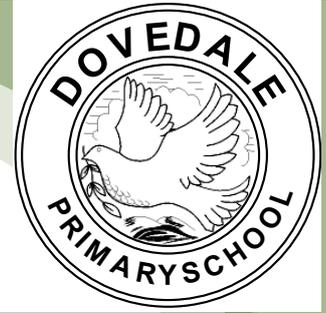


# Dovedale Primary School



## Welcome back year 6!

After a lovely Christmas break, it was great to see our year 6 children back on Tuesday, smiling and ready for another busy Term. We have a lot to do in the coming weeks - in the build up and preparation for SATs in May - and we're looking forward to the challenge, as we know the children are, too.

## What's happening this half term

**Maths**— children will further consolidate their understanding of number, place value and all other key areas of maths learning through a comprehensive, daily programme of study which includes cross-curricular reasoning opportunities linked to our history topic.

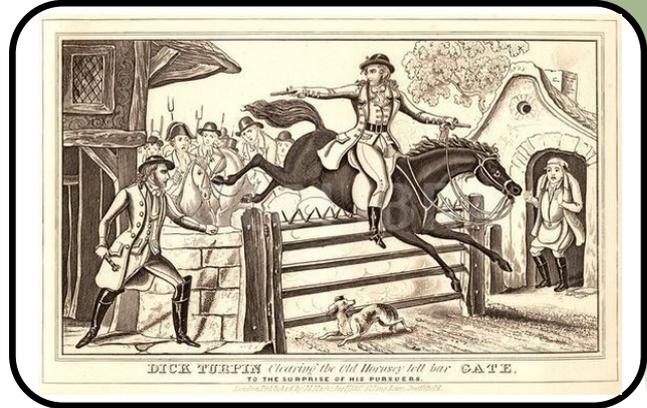
**Reading**—We now have a full afternoon of reading comprehension skills each week, in addition to guided reading and home reading. We must ask all parents to read with their children three times per week and put a comment in their reading record. This is of paramount importance in these final weeks leading up to SATs.

**Writing**—We continue to work towards a Friday writing task each week — all children have their own targets and know what they need to focus on in order to achieve the writing standard. End of Year Expectations are key to achievement, and these are accessible around the classroom and on all children's desks.

**Science**— Our science topic is light. Pupils will learn the key vocabulary linked to the topic and investigate light sources, patterns, directions and shadows, writing scientific predications and explanations based on their findings.

**History**— Crime and punishment. Looking at timelines and the chronology of the Magna Carta and the development of criminal law, including torture methods through the different eras (Tudor-Victorian). We will use historical case studies for such as highwayman, Dick Turpin, to create courtroom drama scenarios and evaluate historical sources for reliability.

**Art**—Stained glass windows – Studying known artists and examples of the varying styles of stain glass windows (contemporary and historical) to plan, draft and evaluate a final piece of work.



## PE/Clothing

PE will take place every Monday and kit must be school colours (not football kits).

The year 6 focus will be athletics - the key components of performance and competition.

Children will be recording their performance in different disciplines and evaluating through video analysis.

## Supporting your child at home

We must ask that parents continue to support as best as they can in all areas of home learning this term, including online homework.

Maths and SPAG homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and will be linked to work covered that week in lessons.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday and will also link to spelling rules covered in school and gaps in our children's learning.

## School website/Twitter

Please continue to check our Year 6 webpage and twitter account for up to date information.



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