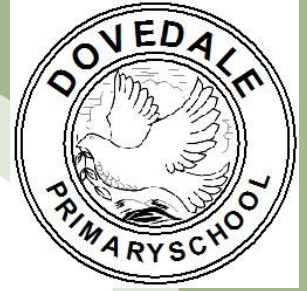


# Dovedale Primary School



## What's happening this half term

**Maths**— We will begin this half term with a unit of work on money. Children will learn to make amounts, calculate with money, solve problems and calculate change. We will then move on to multiplication and division using practical equipment, visual images and written methods.

**Reading**—We will continue to focus on reading comprehension this half term with pupils completing regular written comprehension exercises. These will help children develop their skills of retrieval, inference, prediction, sequencing and understanding of vocabulary.

**Writing**—Our writing lessons will closely link with our geography topic this half term and with texts based around the theme of Africa. Children will write stories, non-chronological reports, poems and letters.

**Science**—Our science topic this half term is Living things and their Habitats. Children will learn about habitats and micro-habitats of a variety of living things including how they are adapted to survive. They will also explore food chains.

**Geography**— Our geography topic is Africa. Children will use maps and atlases to explore the continent of Africa and will complete their own maps showing different landscapes, rivers, mountains and countries. They will compare life in an African village to African city life and consider how their own life differs to that of an African school child.

**Art**—In art we will study African art including the use of pattern and colour. We will design our own printing block and use this to create our own repeating patterns.

**Other**—All children will experience a part of West African culture by taking part in an African drumming and dance workshop. They will have the opportunity to play a range of African drums, learn traditional African dance and perform alongside their classmates.



## PE/Clothing

Children do PE on alternate Wednesday afternoons this half term. Please ensure PE kits are in school.

## Supporting your child at home

We have had a great response to homework and spelling tasks —thank you!

Maths homework will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and will be linked to work covered that week in lessons. All children should have individual log-in details for Mathletics and weekly tasks will also be set for children to complete using this app. Please see your child's teacher if you have any difficulties accessing this.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday and will link to spelling rules covered in school.



## School website/Twitter

Please continue to check our Year 2 webpage and twitter account for up to date information.  
@DovedaleY2

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