



Dunsford Community Academy

Nurturing brilliance to catch our dreams

Thursday 27th February 2025

And we're back!

Hope everybody had a great half term filled with fun and laughter. It has been so good seeing our children return smiling and ready to learn.

New topics are afoot, with talk of volcanoes, animal houses and fractions ringing around the corridors.

We would like to thank Mrs Boatman for everything she has done at Dunsford as she leaves to pursue other opportunities, including working towards a MSc in Psychology Studies. Next week, we will be joined by Mr Elwood who is an incredibly experienced teacher who has just moved back from teaching in Dubai.

No fear over choir club though, as two of our empowered Y6s will be taking on this fun part of our community and are both buzzing with excitement over the opportunity to lead. Dunsford is all about nurturing brilliance and I have been so impressed by these two children for seeing an opportunity to support their school and taking it. I can't wait for the first performance from our child-led choir.

Any questions or concerns, feel free to catch me on the gate. Have a great weekend and happy Spring... the sun is so nearly here now!

Mr Waters

Robins

We love using the Seesaw app to keep you up to date with your child's learning journey. The app is a fantastic tool, but our priority is always the children—their care, safety, and happiness.

This means that while we love sharing moments with you, we sometimes choose to stay fully engaged with the children rather than stepping away to take photos. Capturing these special moments can sometimes disrupt their focus and engagement. Rest assured, we are dedicated to creating a nurturing and enriching environment for your children every day.

Reception is now in the Red Ditty group for phonics, and they are super excited to be bringing home a reading book every Wednesday and Friday.



PE is on Mondays & Wednesdays.

Forest School is on Tuesdays.

Kingfishers

This week, we've been diving into some exciting topics! In Maths, the children have been learning about measurements using the metric system, specifically focusing on centimetres. They've been practising measuring various objects around the classroom and even had a fun activity where they measured each other's hands! In DT, we've been thinking about what goes into a healthy meal. The students have been exploring different food groups and discussing how to create balanced meals that are both nutritious and delicious.

In Geography, we've been looking at our local area and understanding maps. The children have been learning about the features of Dunsford village and how to read and create simple maps. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they discover more about the place they live in. We look forward to continuing our learning journey next week with more engaging activities and lessons!



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Magpies

As it's our first week back after Half Term we have started some new learning. In maths we are learning about fractions, in RE we are learning about Islam and in English we are learning how to write an adventure story. Our class story begins with poor Jess leading a dull and boring life in her dismal room, but her adventures are about to begin, and life is about to get a lot more exciting. Where will her adventures take her? Will she end up in a jungle? What challenges will she need to overcome?

In PE we are building up ball and racquet skills for tennis.



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Barn Owls

This week in our Barn Owl class, we've been diving into some exciting topics! In Writing, we've been exploring diary entries, learning how to express our thoughts and experiences in a personal and engaging way. It's been fascinating to see how different diary entries can capture unique moments in time. In Maths, we've been working on understanding ratios, discovering how they look and how we use them in everyday life. From comparing quantities to mixing ingredients in recipes, ratios are everywhere!

In PE, we've been having a blast playing handball, developing our teamwork and coordination skills. It's a fast-paced game that everyone is enjoying. In Computing, we've been getting to grips with spreadsheets, learning how to organize data and perform calculations. It's amazing how useful spreadsheets can be for so many different tasks. For Whole Class Reading, we've been reading a delightful poem about Goldilocks, which has sparked some great discussions about characters and storytelling. It's been an amazing first week back of Spring 2.



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