Donnington Wood Infant School and Nursery

In addition to phonics, reading, writing and maths we have the following exciting learning planned for this term -



More detail about specific learning in each area is on the back of this sheet.

Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Donnington Wood Infant School and Nursery Year 1 Spring Term 2026



Exotic Zoo in school

Phonics and Reading

Phase 5 (new sounds) secured

Read words consistent with their phonic knowledge (phase 5 new sounds)

Read some words of 2 or more syllables (phase 5 new sounds)

Read 25/45 Y1 common exception words

Read aloud many phase 5 words accurately with minimal sounding and blending

Answer simple questions about a book that has been read to them (story or non-fiction)

Traditional stories, information text, instructions, recount, poetry

Correctly form all lower case letters

Begin to form capital letters

Segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these using known graphemes (phase 4) spelling some words correctly and making phonetically plausible attempts at others

Spell 20/45 Y1 common exception words

Begin to write sentences that are sequenced to form a short narrative (real or fictional)

Demarcate some sentences with capital letters and full stops

Use spacing between words

Begin to use 'and' to join words and clauses

Join appropriately for different materials and situations

Create and use levers and sliders

Design purposeful products based on simple design criteria

Generate and communicate their ideas through talking & drawing

Explain how to keep safe during practical activity

Describe how an existing product works

Talk about their own work, identifying strengths and areas for improvement

Weaving

Begin to use appropriate language to describe tools, process, etc.

To weave materials

Describe what I can see & like in the work of another artist

Ask sensible auestions about a piece of art

Begin to create a piece of work in response to another artist's work

Computing

Instructions (Beebots)

Understand what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices and that

programs execute following a sequence of instructions

PE

Gymnastics

Recognise and perform contrasting movements and balances

Travel in different ways, changing speed and direction.

Control my body when jumping and rolling in different ways.

Link movements to create and preform a sequence with a beginning, middle and end

Cooperate effectively with a partner.

Dance

Copy a dance sequence and use improvisation skills

Understand mirroring and to do this with a partner

Keep in time with a steady beat to perform a traditional style of dance.

Vary the shape and speed of movements

Cricket - Chance to Shine

Games - Attacking and Defending

Think about using space in a team game and mark another playe

Defend the space between players and get past a defender

Pass a ball to another plaue

Use attacking and defending skills in a team game

Music

Exploring Sounds

Explore and control dynamics (volume), duration, and timbre with voices, body percussion, and instruments

Identify a sequence of sounds (structure) in a piece of music

Sing a song together as a group

Create a soundscape using instruments as part of a song performance

Beat

Play percussion instruments at different speeds (tempi)

Play and control changes in tempo

Pitch

Identify changes in pitch and respond to them with movement

Listen in detail to a piece of orchestral music (e.g. identify instruments)

Relate pitch changes to graphic symbols and perform pitch changes vocally

Number: Addition and subtraction within 20

Add by counting on

Find and make number bonds

Add by making 10

Subtraction not crossing 10 and subtraction crossing 10

Number: Place value within 50

Read and represent numbers to 50 using tens and ones

One more/ one less than numbers to 50

Compare objects / numbers within 50

Count in 2s and 5s

Number: Multiplication and division

Make and add equal groups

Make arraus

Make doubles

Measurement: Length and height

Compare lenghts and heights

Measure lengths

Materials

Distinguish between an object & the material from which it is made

Identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock

Describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday material

compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical

Animals

Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals

Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores

Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and nammals, including pets)

Performing simple tests

Identifying and classifying

PSHE (Jigsaw)

Dreams and Goals I can set a simple goal and work out how to achieve it

understand how to work well with a partner

I can tackle a new challenge and understand this might stretch my learning

I can identifu obstacles which make it more difficult to achieve mu new challenge and can work out how to overcome them

I can tell you how I felt when I succeeded in a new challenge and how I celebrated it

Healthu Me

understand the difference between being healthy & unhealthy and know some ways to keep muself

I know how to keep myself clean and healthy, and understand how germs cause disease/illness

I know about household products including medicines can be harmful if not used properly

understand that medicines can help me if I feel poorly and I know how to use them safely

I know how to keep safe when crossing the road, and people who can help me to stay safe I can tell you why I think my body is amazing and identify some ways to keep it safe & healthy

RE

Church visit

Museum in a box

Special Stories - What can we learn?

How is God shown in the stories of creations Finding out about Christian Churches

Why can buildings be special to people?

What do religious buildings look like in Telford and Wrekin?

How are religious buildings important to believers and how are they used?

How and why are celebrations important in religion?

History

Put the main features (a few objects or pieces of information) in chronological order on a simple timeline

Use a number of everyday time terms, such as connectives and 'now', 'then', 'yesterday', 'week', 'month', 'year', 'old', 'new', 'long ago

Identify a few similarities, differences and changes occurring within a particular topic

Extract information from several different types of source including written, visual & oral sources & artefacts

Ask and answer a few valid historical questions (e.g. ask a few questions about a topic, locate relevant information and communicate the answers as sentences)