



**DANE ROYD SCHOOL**

**January 2023 – Curriculum Newsletter**

Follow us on Twitter!

Please make sure to follow your child's class page on twitter. Children love to share their learning, and it can help conversations at home about what has been happening in school. Remember to give posts a like, or why not add a comment giving a 'well done' to the children.

**Class twitter pages:**

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- @Dane RoydNursery
- @DaneRoydUFS
- @DaneRoydY1
- @DaneRoydY1\_2
- @DaneRoydY2
- @DaneRoydY3
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- @DaneRoydY5
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- @DaneRoydY6
- @DaneRoydWrap



**Curriculum Days**

W/C 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Story-telling Week</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Young Voices at Manchester Arena</b>
W/C 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Caterlink Valentine's School lunch</b>
W/C 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> See below for further details about WBD.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Red Nose Day</b>

*Further letters with specific details about the above will be sent out nearer the specific dates.*

**Autumn 1 Topics**

Nursery	<b><u>If you go Down to the Woods</u></b> Children will enjoy reading woodland tales; explore natural materials and how they decay, linked to transition from Winter to Spring and learn about the need to respect the environment and all living things.
Upper Foundation	<b><u>Under the Sea!</u></b> Children will develop their map reading skills; learn about the seven oceans (including their layers) and look at changes in the natural world, including climate change.
Key Stage 1	<b><u>Fantastic Florence!</u></b> Children will learn about the life and achievements of Florence Nightingale. They will also learn how the NHS has developed over time to how we know it today.
Lower Key Stage 2	<b><u>Myths, Mystery and Minotaur!</u></b> Children will explore across Spring the culture and beliefs of Ancient Greece and how their history has a lasting legacy and how it has influenced some of the things in our society today.
Upper Key Stage 2	<b><u>Peace, Power and Poppies</u></b> Children will learn about key events which lead to the outbreak of WW2; key figures in this period and how the world changed following the conflict.

**PTA Events**

Keep an eye out on Parentmail for some exciting events coming up organised by our ever-growing PTA.

**Spring Disco - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Lower School - 15:30-16:00

Upper School - 16:15 - 17:00

£2 per child - each child will receive a drink, crisps and a sweet.



**Mothering Sunday Gift - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

A pottery paint class where children can make a plant pot to gift on Mothering Sunday.

**Further information to follow.**

**Class Assemblies**

All class assemblies take place in the school hall on a Wednesday morning at 9am.

11 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 1/2M
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4H
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 6W
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Class 1H
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3/4S
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Class 2T
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3P
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 5GL
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	UFS (Rainbow & Sunshine)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 5/6 L

Children will also have a special assembly on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February lead by staff from the Rivers and Canals Trust. They will common hazards near water, the SAFE (Stay away from the edge) message and who to contact in nan emergency. <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/>

## We are a Reading School!

### Storytelling Week

Storytelling is such an important skill we try to instil in our children from the very beginning of their time with us at Dane Royd. There are so many benefits, which help us to develop skills - not only for our childhood - but also into adulthood. Stories help us to:

- Remember and imagine
- Explore, learn and cope with different emotions
- Solve problems and try different solutions
- Engage our attention
- Help us to understand others



We can't wait for some of our family members to join us in school next week to 'surprise' our classes with a story!

### Swap Shop Sheds

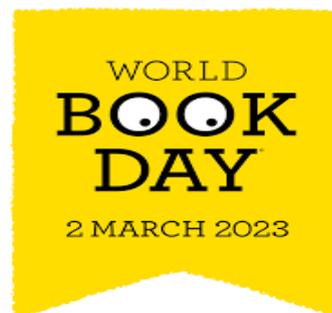
We will be launching our new reading 'swap shop' sheds next week! Children in school are loving the new approach to reading in school and we can see real enjoyment for reading. This is something we wish to continue when the children go home. With the nearest library being in the centre of Wakefield, we thought we would set up our own version for our local families.

Each Key Stage will have their own shed with age-appropriate books. They will be open every morning and evening for children and their grown-ups to access. PLEASE take these books home to enjoy reading together. If you have any books at home which you no longer read, why not swap them for a new one? We really hope you enjoy our new sheds and sharing a good book together at home.

### World Book Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day and as always, we will be having a lovely day in school to promote the importance and love of reading. We would like to invite children to come into school in their favourite PJ's this year and share their favourite bedtime story. Children will be invited to stay after school to share a bedtime story with teachers. Further information will be sent in the coming weeks.

Reading before bedtime is a fantastic way to relax the mind and helps aid a calmer bedtime routine. With an increase in children and families reporting problems with sleeping, this is something we will be trying to promote to children on World Book Day as a way of preparing for bedtime, rather than screen-time which is proven to stimulate the brain and can affect the quality of sleep.



### Dates for your Diary

A polite reminder of key assessment dates in the Summer term. Further correspondence with specific information regarding the assessments will follow in the coming weeks.

#### Key Stage 1

Phonics screening check Year 1 children and Year 2 children who need to resit	Week commencing Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 2 Statutory Assessments	Weeks commencing Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> and the 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023

#### Key Stage 2

Year 4 Multiplication Check	Week commencing Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Year 6 Statutory Assessments	Week commencing Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023