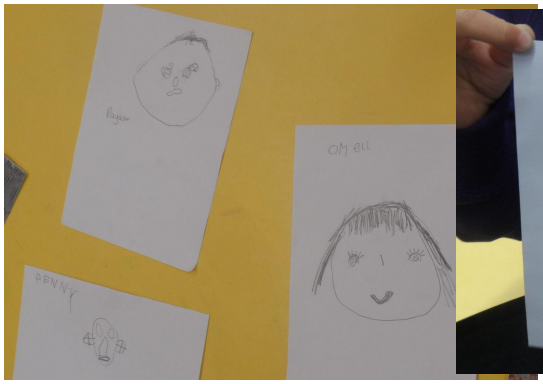
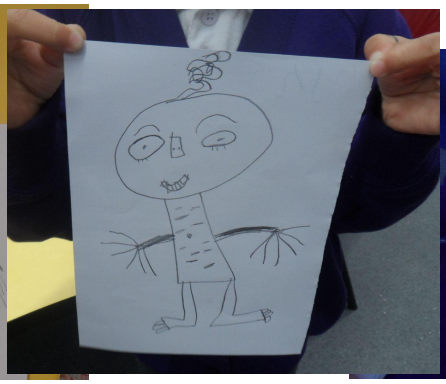
Peek at the Week

Friday 27th November 2026

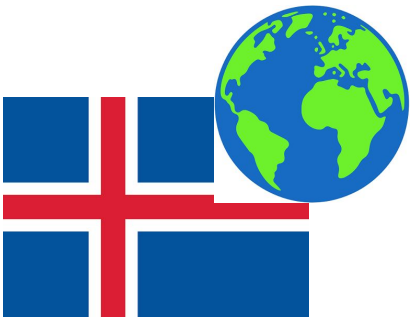
Different seasons

This week, we have been learning all about the different seasons! We talked about the weather we might experience during each season and thought about the different types of clothing we would need to wear. We also began exploring self-portraits! The children enjoyed looking at themselves in the mirror, describing their facial features and noticing similarities and differences between themselves and their friends. They then had a go at drawing their own portraits, thinking carefully about what they could see.We will continue our self-portrait work next week, using real photographs of ourselves to help us with our drawings!


A big thank you to all the parents who came along to see all the wonderful learning the children have been doing about Iceland! We hope you enjoyed seeing their hard work and that the children have been able to share some interesting new facts with you too!



BABY PHOTOS

They have started arriving. It would be lovely to have one for every child so if you haven't sent one yet……

As part of our Religious Education, this term we will be learning about the Christian festival of Christmas. Christmas is about the arrival of a special baby. We will be exploring what make a new baby special and that babies grow and can learn to do new things. The children will think about what they needed when they were babies and what they can do now, that they could not do when they were babies.

Please email a picture to your teacher (preferably without a name displayed because we will play a game of guess whose picture is whose?)









Wriggly Nativity

We are very excited to have started practising Wriggly Nativity. We have started learning the songs.

Please practise the children's lines with them so that they are confident when we start practising the script next week.

If you did not receive the letter with your child's part and the costume suggestions, please let your class teacher know.

This is our school Reading Rewards system. We follow it in Reception but slightly tweak it. **We have stickers not stamps** and we use Gruffalo linked bookmarks, so the children receive Gruffalo linked Certificates when they reach each milestone. We collect the reading diaries on a Wednesday. But we are all on the same journey.

DORCHESTER READING Rewards!

DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL



READ. ENJOY. STAMP. ACHIEVE!

HOW IT WORKS

- Read with an adult at least **4 times** each week.
- Show your diary to your teacher every Friday to earn your **weekly stamp.**
- Collect stamps throughout the year to earn your **reading award!**

ONE STAMP PER WEEK!

You can earn **1 stamp** each week by reading 4 times or more.

There are **38** reading weeks this year.

Let's build a love of reading together!

WORK YOUR WAY UP THE READING LADDER!

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
10 STAMPS	20 STAMPS	30 STAMPS	38 STAMPS
You're on your way! Keep up the great reading!	Fantastic effort! You're becoming a confident reader!	Wow! You're a reading superstar!	Outstanding! You're a Dorchester Reading Champion!
CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	CERTIFICATE	INVITATION TO READING CELEBRATION

READING CELEBRATION!

All children who reach the **PLATINUM** milestone will be invited to our Reading Celebration on

MONDAY 19TH JULY 2027

We'll celebrate your amazing achievement and have a prize raffle!

RAFFLE TICKETS

The more you achieve, the more tickets you'll get in the prize raffle!

- 1 BRONZE = 1 TICKET
- 2 SILVER = 2 TICKETS
- 3 GOLD = 3 TICKETS
- 5 PLATINUM = 5 TICKETS

READING OPENS MINDS, BUILDS DREAMS AND TAKES YOU ANYWHERE!

LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BEST READING YEAR YET!

Books and Book Bags

Please keep your children's reading book, library book, and reading record, in your child's book bag.



We aim to change:

- **Reading books on Thursdays and,**
- **Library Books on Fridays,**

but, sometimes timetables change and we need to change books on different days. It makes that much easier if the books are always in school.





Mystery Readers!

SHHHHHH…..DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!

The children are so excited about who will be the next Mystery Reader. Please consider it!

Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story?
Maybe a story from your own childhood?
It could be in your home language.

This would be at the end of the day
for no more than 10-15 minutes!

If you would like to volunteer, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or email your class teacher.

Remember – DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. We need one a week until the end of the school year!



Important Dates - 2026-2027

Reindeer Visit - Friday 4th December

FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December - 12:00 to 3:00pm

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Wednesday 16th December- 9:30am

Thursday 17th December- 2:15pm

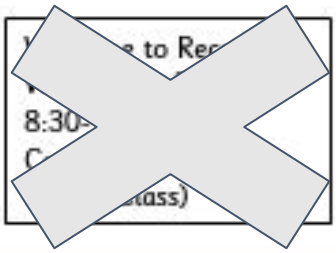
Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 18th December

School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at: https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114

Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

September



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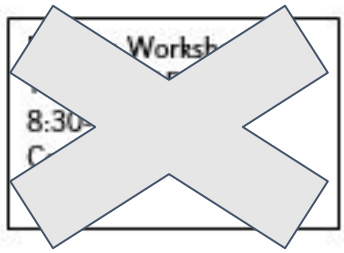

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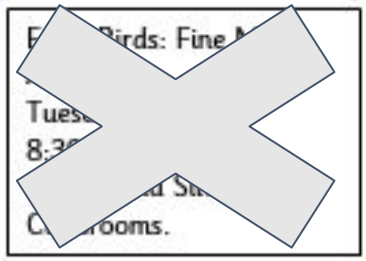


December

Maths Workshop
Thursday 3rd
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

January

Live Phonics
Wednesday 20th
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

February

Writing Workshop
Thursday 11th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 17th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 15th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

May

Proud Moments and
Wow Books
Wednesday 5th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Family Reading
Celebration
Thursday 17th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

July

Early Birds Summer
Holiday Activities
Tuesday 13th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

Forest School

The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

December

3 - Bronze

10 - Silver

17 - Bronze



Th[illegible]rents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more! You do not need to give us notice. If you are free please turn up.

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

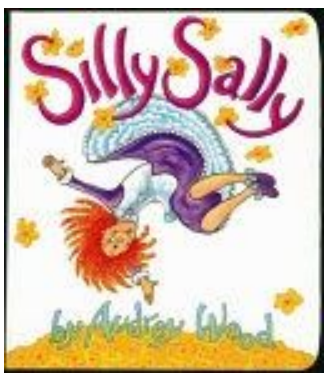
Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery aglover13@suttonmail.org

3-a-day Stories

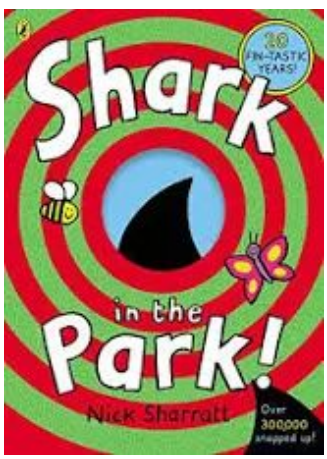
Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

This half term we are reading :



Silly Sally by Aubrey Wood

Silly Sally went to town, walking backwards, upside down - and that''s just the beginning. Come along with Sally and her companions as they parade into town in a most unusual way'



Shark in the Park by Nick Sharrat

Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really* a shark? Turn the page and find out . . .



We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen Step into the world of the bear hunt and join the family as they swish swash through the grass, splash splosh through the river and squelch squerch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!