

'MEET THE TEACHER' DOVE CLASS



Wednesday 17th September 2025



Who's in class?



- Mrs Day will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons.
- Mrs Spong will teach on Wednesday mornings, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Mr Ryker will be supporting in class in the mornings and part of the afternoons.
- Forest school is on Monday afternoons with Mrs Miles and Mrs Bailey, for the first half of each term.
- PE is on Tuesday afternoons with Mrs Higgins.
- Mrs Barter will be continuing to support with reading in small groups, as she was doing in Year 1. .

General Information



- **FOREST SCHOOL – Monday afternoons for the first half of each term– children to come in **PE Kit with long sleeves and long trousers – it is tick season.****
- A pair of warm tracksuit bottoms or leggings, navy blue or black. The school PE tracksuit bottoms are ideal for this.
- All uniform, PE kit and clothes for Forest School should be **NAMED**
- In addition to the **NAMED** P.E. tracksuit bottoms and T-shirt, the following are also essential for Forest School:
 - A **named** waterproof coat and waterproof trousers (**waterproof trousers are available in school**)
 - A **named** pair of trainers and wellington boots that will be kept in school.
 - Warm socks, gloves and a hat as the weather gets colder... **all also named as these are often misplaced.**
- **P.E. – Tuesday afternoons**
- Children to come in to school dressed in their PE kit on both Forest School and P.E. days. **PLEASE** make sure it is **NAMED.**

Dove Class - Our Week - Autumn 1

MONDAY <i>Mrs Day</i>	TUESDAY <i>Mrs Day</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Mrs Spong</i>	THURSDAY <i>Mrs Spong</i>	FRIDAY <i>Mrs Spong</i>
Handwriting/Morning Tasks	Handwriting/Morning Tasks	Handwriting/Morning Tasks	Handwriting/Morning Tasks	Handwriting/Morning Tasks
ASSEMBLY (JB)	ASSEMBLY (JB)	ASSEMBLY (MW)	ASSEMBLY (KR)	ASSEMBLY (JB)
Morning Tasks Marking	MATHS	Morning Tasks Marking	Morning Tasks Marking	Morning Tasks Marking
MATHS		MATHS	MATHS	Spelling Test
BREAK				
SPELLING/PHONICS	SPELLING/PHONICS	SPELLING/PHONICS	SPELLING/PHONICS	MATHS
ENGLISH	English	ENGLISH	ENGLISH	ENGLISH
LUNCH				
FOREST SCHOOL (FM/FD/TA) - Art /WCR (Autumn 2)	PE	Mrs Day Science Library	Computing	RE
	PSHE		History/Geog.	
Tidy Up & End of Day Story	Tidy Up & End of Day Story		Tidy Up & End of Day Story	Tidy Up & End of Day Story

Reading

- Please can you make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record in to school every day. We aim to hear every child read individually as often as possible. Sometimes this might be the class teacher, Mrs Barter, a teaching assistant or a volunteer. Some of the older children also sometimes listen to the younger children read.
- Children can change their books once they have read at least 3 times at home (once to 'Decode', once for 'Prosody' and once for 'Comprehension'). This is in line with the recommendations of our phonics scheme: Little Wandle.
- When you listen to your child read, please complete the reading record with a date and short comment when you have heard your child read. We keep very detailed records on each child in school to support their assessment for the end of KS1.
- We will help to change the books when the children come in – it is their responsibility to bring them into the classroom each day and team ticks will be given.
- Please be assured that we are the best judges of how your child is progressing and we know when to move them onto the next level. We appreciate that it can feel frustrating if you feel that your child is finding a book too 'easy' but we would encourage you to get them to read texts again and even ask questions to check their understanding. The children will also have the opportunity to bring home a book from our library.
- We will also teach reading as a whole class in Year 2 whereby we all read the same book. The book might be pitched a little higher or a little lower than the level at which each child is reading individual books. They are in mixed ability pairings for these lessons.

Homework



- In Year 2, homework comprises reading, spelling and KIRFS. The KIRFS for this term will be uploaded onto the class page as will the Common Exception word list for this term.
- KIRFS stands for **Key instant recall facts** these are mathematical concepts which need to be secure for your child to reach age related expectations at the end of Year 2.
- The topic web is on the class page too, so you can see what we will be learning this term.
- Spelling tests – to begin the year we will be reviewing Little Wandle’s Phase 5 phonics. Once this is complete we will move to the Little Wandle spelling scheme and the children will receive weekly spellings. Please go over the Common exception words until this point.
- ‘Numbots’ is an online tool which helps the children master mental addition and subtraction. The children have their own login and it is best used regularly for short periods of time.
- There will also be home learning which will link to our topics.

General



- Please bring your child to the side wooden gate from 8.30am.
- 8.30-8.50 is a time for us to listen to individual readers so it is incredibly important for the children to come in, hang their coats up and come into class independently.
- Parents are not allowed into school and we would kindly ask that this includes coming into the corridor where the coat pegs are in the morning. If you need to speak to the teacher please let someone know at the office.
- Please do remember to send a **NAMED** water bottle in each day. Packed lunches must be **NUT – FREE**, because of allergies. Snacks are still provided in year 2, but if brought in from home...should be fresh/dried fruit or veg only.
- We provide stationery so please do not send in pencil cases with their own stationery – again this is something to look forward to when going into KS2.
- All children should be using their blue book bag. Please avoid using a rucksack as we are limited for space - this is also a ‘rite of passage’ for moving into KS2 and something the children really look forward to doing!
- EVOD is our class cuddly – a ring-tailed lemur! Every child will have a chance to bring EVOD home for the weekend to share a story with him. In the following week your child will have an opportunity to share what EVOD got up to and a bit about the story they read together.



Team Ticks

- These will be awarded to children for working hard, being helpful, demonstrating good behaviour etc.
- These are displayed on a chart in class. The team ticks earned are counted up at the end of each week and the winner is announced in Friday's Celebration Assembly.
- The team ticks also go towards money which is raised for charities chosen by the children in Year 6 each year.



Can you help?

- If you would like to come into school and volunteer to listen to readers or help with school trips etc. then you are very welcome. Speak to the front office as your first port of call.
- If you have an area of expertise that you'd like to share with pupils or if you have a connection with any of the topic areas we're covering this year we'd love your input.

A few pleas...



- Please **NAME** all clothing and if using biro pen, please write over it after it's been through the wash because it fades and we really struggle to read it.
- Please don't let your child bring in toys or cards. They get lost or damaged and cause upset.
- Do read the school newsletter that comes out each week and do pop back to the class page regularly – we will put photos on there of things that we've been doing in class as well as useful information about your child's learning.

Finally...



- We are very much looking forward to the year ahead, we have an open door policy and are always happy to meet to discuss your child should you have any concerns – just let the office know.
- <https://www.cheapsideschool.org.uk/class-pages/>