

Dahl Class Spring 1 2026

Around the World



Acorn Park

<p><u>History</u></p> <p>In History, Dahl will learn about Ancient Greece by investigating ways in which life was different for the people of the period. Learners will become familiar with key stories and figures in their mythology and analyse which part of the pseudo-historical narratives are likely to be true and which parts should be taken with a pinch of salt.</p>	<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>This term pupils will be continuing their work on gymnastics. Pupils will learn a wide range of travelling actions and include the use of pathways. They will begin to perform actions such as inverted movements and explore ways to include apparatus in their routines. They will demonstrate control in their behaviour to create a safe environment for themselves and others to work in. Pupils will also be working on the trampoline, developing their balance, control and safety understanding. We will also be working on listening to and following simple instructions and building communication on the trampoline using the Winstrada trampoline awards.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Dahl class, having developed a deeper understanding of addition and subtraction, will finish of their topic on the four operations by looking at multiplication and division. Dahl class will then move on to looking at aspects of measure including calculating the perimeter and area of a given shape.</p>
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>This term we will be looking at the creation myths of different cultures, the big bang theory and the theory of evolution. Learners will examine the ways in which these are different and similar and discuss their own conclusions in the face of these differences.</p>	<p><u>English</u></p> <p>This term in English, Dahl class will study a selection of stories from Ancient Greece. Learners will practice a range on linguistic and grammatical skills whilst following along many classic myths and legends from the period. Learners will focus on the hero's journey and themes that can be found in myths and legends. Learners will also explore making and presenting a PowerPoint report about their favourite mythological story or character.</p>	<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>Dahl class will be studying plant life and investigating what plants need to grow, learners will take part in an experiment growing plants in a dark place vs a light place to measure the differences in growth and appearance. Learners will then move on to looking at animal adaptations and how they are suited to living in their local habitats.</p>
<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>During the spring term, Dahl will be continuing their studies of short melodies on tuned percussion</p>		<p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>This term in Geography, Dahl class will look at transport through the ages and look at the way transport has changed, examining the impact this has had on our lives and our world.</p>

instruments, played along to backing tracks, and simple drum circle songs, following the teacher's instructions to change sections.

Additionally, they will continue to immerse themselves in the exploration of different instruments in the music room, including the Musicon, melodicas, the piano mat, guitars, and keyboards.

Drama

This term, drama lessons will focus on gameplaying, teamwork, speaking and listening and working collaboratively with peers. Students will be developing their improvisation and devising skills and will start to create their own stand-alone scenes that they'll perform to the class, with the audience encouraged to provide constructive feedback.

DT

This half-term students will be practicing and progressively increasing their ability to use their fine-motor skills, by learning how to make mini-models for the Spring season and their termly theme of 'Around the world'. Students will be focusing on communicating to create images of their favourite things, choosing their own route into learn-through-play and using different types of cardboard and paper to make models.

PSHE

In PSHE this term Dahl will work on the topics of:

- Helping others to feel welcome.
- How we can make our communities better.
- Thinking about our right to learn.
- Caring for other people's feelings.
- How we can work well with others.
- Choosing and following our learning charter.

Art

This half-term in art we will experiment with 'Textures and Structures'. We will explore our tactile senses and make rubbings of a variety of surfaces in the art room. We will explore the textures and structures that we find on shoes and will create a large cardboard structure of a shoe. We will look at the 'textured paintings' of Vincent Van Gogh and will create artwork in a similar style.

Home learning opportunities

- Read a story together.
- Try some Greek food.
- Visit a garden or try to grow a plant at home.

	<p><u>Animal care</u></p> <p>As Winter really starts to take hold, we will be ensuring our animals have everything they need to survive. We will be discussing how some animals hibernate, how nature survives the winter. We will look at the weather and what we all need to survive the elements and how those changes look and feel. We will spend more time in the classroom exercising, grooming and generally getting to know our smaller animals better.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice making even groups or sharing out evenly.
<p><u>Outdoor Education</u></p> <p>Exploring the bare woods, noticing the life we find during the darkest part of the year. We will swing, climb, walk and build using ropes, branches and tree stumps. We will make art, using sticks, twine, chalk and clay, making rubbings and imprints.</p>	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>This term in computing Dahl class will be continuing to learn the basics of accessing an operating system and using several key programmes online and on the hard drive including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic design on Canva. • Word processing on Word. • Presentation creation on PowerPoint. • Website layout and creation. • Writing basic computer codes on Scratch. 	<p><u>Horticulture</u></p> <p>As we head into the colder months, we shall look more closely at what is happening to the plants around us, how they prepare for winter and the mechanisms they use to survive the dark and cold days.</p> <p>All groups shall be helping to clear annual plants from the polytunnel and prepare the beds for winter. We shall also be sowing seeds ahead of time to compare growing things out of season as well as sowing as per the seed packet instructions.</p>