

Monday 27th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Dartmouth Academy. I would like to share with you some information about our class this term.

Class Teachers

The class teachers for Class 4-5 continue to be **Mrs Kirsty Bower and Mrs Jenny Hutchings**.

Routines and expectations

The school day starts at 8:40am.

School gates open at **8:30am** and will be shut at **8:50am**. Classroom doors will be open at **8:40am**. If the school gate is locked, you will need to take your child to the office and they will be taken to class from there.

Home Learning

All home learning will be set on a Friday afternoon and should be completed by the following Thursday morning.

In Class 4-5 our weekly home learning tasks are as follows:

Weekly Sparx practice – Sparx is an online platform that supports your child's recall of key multiplication facts. It is recommended that you child practices in short bursts of 10 minutes daily. Particularly Year 4 pupils who will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check later in the year in the summer term. This will be set on a Friday and is due the following Thursday.

Weekly spellings – your child will learn and practice their weekly spellings in school. In addition to this, they are required to complete 6 games on **Spelling Shed** at home to support their learning. If your child is struggling to access Spelling Shed, please do get in contact so we can support with this. This is set on a Friday and is due the following Thursday.

Daily reading – daily reading supports your child's fluency and comprehension of text. Pupils should read a minimum of 10 minutes at home of either their RWI book or Accelerated Reader book. Once an AR book is complete, your child will need to complete the book quiz on Accelerated Reader to test their comprehension of the book.

The Home Learning Diary is once again a key document for you to communicate with your class teacher and to receive regular feedback about your child's progress in school. These will include your child's logins to Sparx, Spelling Shed and Accelerated Reader.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday in Class 4-5. Children need to come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure all earrings are removed or covered with tape before school. Both PE lessons will be outside. All children will need a hat, water bottle and suncream (which they will need to apply themselves). Please note that children are not allowed to share suncream due to allergies.

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Reading books

All children must have their current **book band reading book in school every day**. This will either be an Accelerated Reader (AR) book at their level **or** their Read, Write Inc (RWI) book. Pupils are expected to practise reading every day at home for at least 10 minutes. Parents can record comments in their **Home Learning Diary**.

Contacting School

You should report any absences to the school office. Teachers will be at their classroom doors in the morning for any quick updates or information passing. If you require a longer meeting or a phone call, then the best form of contact is through email at kirsty.bower@dartmouthacademy.org.uk and jenny.hutchings@dartmouthacademy.org.uk. We will try to answer emails as soon as possible and we can be available to meet at a convenient time if you require. Should you wish to contact the Primary Principal, please phone the school office or email at: jen.tierney@dartmouthacademy.org.uk.

Dinner Money

Children in KS2 can choose to bring in a packed lunch or pay for a school dinner. A cashless system is operated in the school canteen. Dinner money funds can be topped-up online through Parent Pay. We promote healthy eating at Dartmouth Academy so please make sure that break time snacks are suitable (fruit and vegetables only) and please ensure your child brings a named water bottle into school every day with either water or squash. **Dartmouth Academy is a nut-free school**. Please respect this by not sending nut-based products for snack or lunchtimes.

Thank you again for continuing to support your child's learning at home. Please do get in contact with any questions you may have.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bower and Mrs Hutchings

Curriculum at Dartmouth

As part of the Education South West trust, Dartmouth Academy aims to provide the highest quality educational experience for all groups of learners from age 3 through to 16. This begins with secure foundations in English, maths and personal development. Our curriculum is designed to be engaging, purposeful and relevant to the interests and adapted to the interests and needs of the Dartmouth community. Through a coherently planned and sequenced curriculum, children build on what they know and can do with increasing fluency and independence.

Subject	Spring Term 1		Spring Term 2	
English	Extreme Animals	Tear Thief	The Day the Crayons Quit	
Maths	Decimals	Money	Time	Shape & Statistics
Science	Changes of Materials		Animals incl Humans	
Computing	Data Logging & Repetition in Games			
History	Benin Kingdom			
Geography	Sustainability			
Art	Landscapes			
Music	Rapping		Percussion	
Design Technology	Structures			
PE	Cricket and Athletics		Tennis and Athletics	
PSHE	Relationships		Changing Me	
Religious Education (RE)	Christianity – How did Jesus save people		Christianity, Hinduism and non-religious-How does faith help when life gets hard?	

Timetable

Day	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday WEEK A	Spellings	English	Maths	Lunch is from 12:00 – 12:50pm	Indoor PE	PSHE
Monday WEEK B	Spellings	English	Maths		English	Indoor PE
Tuesday WEEK A	Reading	English Writing	Maths		DT	Music
Tuesday WEEK B	Reading	English Writing	Maths		Art	Music
Wednesday WEEK A	Reading	English Writing	Maths		History	Computing
Wednesday WEEK B	Reading	English Writing	Maths		Geography	Computing
Thursday WEEK A	Reading	English Writing	Maths		Science	RE
Thursday WEEK B	Reading	PSHE	Maths		Science	RE
Friday (same both weeks)	Spellings	English Writing	Maths		French	Outdoor PE