



DONALDSON CLASS - CURRICULUM NEWS

Autumn Term 2025



Welcome to the Autumn term, we hope that you have had a lovely summer break. We will spend the first few weeks of the term settling all the children both new and existing into our routines so we can begin to grow our community within the classroom.

We will be learning about the importance of rules in our classroom and how they lead to a fun, safe and enjoyable school life. We will also be getting to know each other and making new friends.

Communication and Language Children will be encouraged to talk with the adults and their peers, they will answer questions, ask questions and take part in group activities where we will develop understanding, follow simple instructions and learn new vocabulary.		Physical Development The children will flow between the inside and outside environments with plenty of opportunities to run, climb, balance and ride bikes. We will also be working on fine motor skills during dough disco, building strength in preparation for writing.		Personal, Social and Emotional Development We will be learning about how to follow classroom rules, how to make friends and be kind. We will also introduce the colour monsters to help the children recognise their feelings talk about what to do when they have certain feelings.	
Understanding the world We will be learning about ourselves and our families and that we are all different and unique. We will make observations about the changes in season and why this may be happening. We will use ipads to create images linked to our learning.	Mathematics We will begin our Mastering Number Programme early on in the autumn term. Focusing on numbers to 5 and their composition. We will also be counting to 10 and beyond, making repeating patterns and exploring number during our adult-led learning.		Literacy Phonics teaching will begin early in the autumn term. The children will learn new sounds (phonemes) and what they look like (graphemes) We will be enjoying lots of stories about starting school, families, being kind, traditional tales, Christmas, the nativity and Diwali.		Expressive Arts and Design The children will have opportunities to be creative and use their imagination in adult-led activities and child initiated learning. We will be exploring colour mixing, creating self-portraits, family pictures, space activities, Christmas activities and lots more.

R.E: Our Questions for this term are - Why is the word 'God' so important to Christians (Autumn 1) Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas? (Autumn 2)



This terms Values - Generosity (Autumn 1) Compassion (Autumn 2)

Everyone in our Community has the right to Grow, Learn and Flourish.



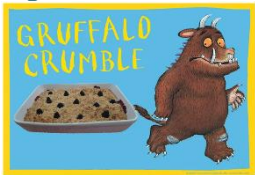
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HOME LEARNING IDEAS

Send pictures of your home learning on Dojo so we can share it with the rest of the class!

Don't forget about all of the other great ideas for things that you can do at home in the Donaldson 'How to help your child to make the best possible progress' letter too!



Activity One: Can you make a Gruffalo Crumble? Link to a recipe: https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/gruffalo-crumble-recipe 	Activity Two: How many different ways can you write your name? What colours can you use? 	Activity Three: What numbers can you see? Go on a number hunt at home or in your local area. 
Activity Four: Read your favourite book with your family. 	Activity Five: What job can you do to help at home? 	Activity Six: Create a picture using things that you find on a nature walk! 

SOME OF THE BOOKS WE WILL BE READING THIS TERM

