

Creative Homework Challenge

We are giving children an opportunity to show off their creative skills by completing our ***Creative Homework Challenge***. There is no expectation for your child to complete this but please encourage them. These challenges are linked to the learning for the half term.

Creative homework certificates

Bronze - for completing 1 piece of homework this half term.

Silver - for completing 2 pieces of homework this half term.

Gold - for completing 3 pieces of homework this half term.

Menu of Creative Homework Challenge Ideas

- **Mary Anning and Fossils:** Research Mary Anning and create an illustrated timeline of her life and discoveries. Pupils could also design and label a fossil, explaining how it may have formed and what it reveals about the past.
- **Geography: Where Does Our Food Come From?** Select three familiar foods and investigate their origins. Present the findings on a world map, using lines, labels and a key to show where each food is produced before reaching the United Kingdom.
- **Design and Technology: British Inventors:** Research a British inventor and create a labelled model or annotated drawing of the invention. Pupils should explain the problem it addressed, the materials used and how the design has influenced modern life.
- **Religious Education: Diwali:** Explore the significance of Diwali by creating a carefully patterned rangoli design. Pupils should annotate their work with information about light, family, celebration and the values represented by the festival.

Respectful

Responsible

Ready to Learn

Deneholm Primary School



Compulsory Homework Expectations:

Maths

Reading

Writing

All of the above will be completed on **Purple Mash**. Homework is set online every Thursday and is due to be completed and submitted online by the start of the following Tuesday.

There is an expectation for you to **read** at home with your child at least 5 times per week and online reading records should be signed to reflect this.

Please also encourage your child to log into TTRS daily. Playing just 3 minutes every day will increase children's fluency of times tables which are vital to many areas of maths going forwards.

Reading

Our Class Read is:

The Day I fell into a Fairytale

We will:

- Develop our reading skills by making inferences from characters' actions, feelings and motivations.
- Practise predicting what may happen next and supporting our views with reference to the text.
- Broaden our vocabulary, exploring unfamiliar words, meanings and how language contributes to a text's overall effect.

Science

We will:

- Undertake a scientist study focusing on Mary Anning and fossils.
- Learn about Anning's contribution to palaeontology, examine how fossils are formed and preserved, and consider how evidence from fossil discoveries helps scientists understand life in the past.
- Investigate fossils and soil, developing scientific vocabulary and understanding how evidence, observations and practical investigations support explanations of the natural world.

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

**Autumn 2
2026/2027**



All Are Welcome!

PE

Invasion Games and Dodgeball

Foundation Subjects

We will explore "Where does our food come from?", investigating food origins and journeys. We will examine British inventors and their innovative contributions. We will learn about Diwali traditions and celebrations within the Hindu faith.

PSHE

We will develop an understanding of what it means to be a witness to bullying and how our actions and words may help or harm others. We will practise using kind language, challenging stereotypes, and offering support to those who feel excluded.

Writing

We will:

- Develop our ability to write explanation texts, presenting information clearly, logically and accurately for the reader.
- Explore portal stories, considering how characters enter unfamiliar settings and how these experiences shape narrative structure, description and vocabulary through carefully sequenced planning and drafting.

Maths

We will:

- Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.
- Develop and use a range of mental calculation strategies
- Illustrate and explain formal written methods - column method
- Measure, draw and compare lengths
- Add and subtract lengths
- Calculate perimeter