

Core signs for our topic this term.

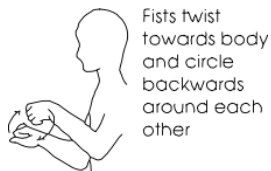


Our topic this term is 'Growing and Changing', here are some related signs for you to practice.

growing



changing

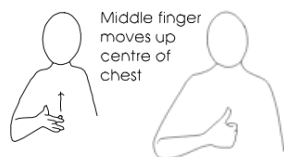


Fists twist towards body and circle backwards around each other

future



wellbeing



Middle finger moves up centre of chest

safety



Blade of right cupped hand moves from left finger tips onto palm

Hands move back together to touch body

Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Dove Class Information for parents Term 1 2025/26

Class Teacher and TAs

Nadia Turnbull (Teacher Tue to Fri)
Sarah Haggerty (Teacher Mon)
Fiona Turley (TALL)
Jane O'Sullivan (TA)
Liann Mackley (TA)



Regular events:

Monday: PE (PE kit needed)

Thursday: PE Enrichment

Friday: Combined Arts Award

General Information

Welcome to Dove Class!

We have been settling in well to our new class with our peers and adults. We have been exploring our new work environment and resources. Learning to Learn week is for the first week of term. We will then be moving onto our normal timetable. Our theme for this term is Growing and Changing.

Homework and Contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals. The comments we receive are really helpful and highlight how a pupil may require extra support during the day. Please do let us know if you have any concerns. Reading books will be sent home for you to read/ share with your child.

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are carrying out, such as: PE kit, wellies, sun hats, sun cream, water bottle.

Functional English

This term our theme will be *Growing and Changing!* We will be exploring a range of inspiring texts including the non-fiction *What Do Grown-Ups Do All Day?* by Virginie Morgand, the fascinating biography *When Sue Found Sue* by Toni Buzzeo, and the imaginative story *When I Grow Up* by Al Yankovic. Pupils will engage in activities that encourage them to think about their futures, celebrate their talents, and explore how people grow and change throughout life. They will practise writing letters, creating CVs, and performing poetry to build both their communication and creative skills. Pupils will continue to strengthen their reading comprehension, refine their grammar and punctuation, and take part in structured writing and performance activities.

Physical Education:

This term, students are exploring invasion games through rugby, building skills in ball carrying, passing, attacking, and defending. Fun games and challenges help them develop teamwork, agility, and tactical awareness and work towards their entry level qualification in PE.

Functional Maths:

This term pupils will develop their mathematical skills by exploring place value, addition and subtraction and problem-solving strategies to tackle real-life scenarios. Through engaging activities, they will strengthen their understanding of numerical relationships, refine calculation techniques, and build confidence in applying these essential concepts.

Preparation for Adulthood:

This term, pupils will develop their understanding of Hygiene, Health and Safety by focusing on washing hands. They will be making food in the food tech room and using this as an opportunity to practise good hygiene in a range of scenarios. These activities will help pupils build healthy habits.

Religious Education:

In R.E. pupils will be learning about festivals from Christianity and different religions. They will explore the meaning and traditions of these celebrations and consider why they are important to believers. Pupils will also have opportunities for discussion and reflection on how festivals bring people together.

Digital Skills:

This term our theme will be *Staying Safe Online!* Pupils will be learning how to use the internet safely, look after their wellbeing, and make positive online choices. They will take part in activities such as writing safety tips, creating posters, and role-playing safe and unsafe situations. It's set to be an engaging and empowering term ahead!

Employability:

Pupils will be learning about Know Your Rights and Health & Safety, exploring the essential knowledge needed to stay safe and make informed choices. They will reflect on their rights and responsibilities, develop practical skills such as recognising safe and unsafe situations, and build confidence in speaking up when needed.

Sports Enrichment

PE Enrichment will be every Thursday afternoon. Pupils will choose an activity from a range including skiing, tennis, swimming and others for the term.

PSHE/RSE:

This term pupils will be learning about families and healthy, respectful relationships. They will explore family roles, how friendships grow, and the importance of kindness, respect, and trust in relationships. Pupils will also learn about conflict solving and how to maintain and repair friendships.



Term 1:
Growing and Changing