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At Dovedale, we believe that one of the key principles of learning is experience.

Subject Leaders continually design a curriculum that comes to life through first hand experiences of handling artefacts, visiting places of worship, experiencing concerts, taking part in competitions and much more.

In Early Years, experience underpins the curriculum and provides the foundation for all future learning. We ensure this experiential learning continues for every child in every year group. Children will graduate from each year group with a broad range of different experiences tailored to their curriculum.

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Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 1 will have...



...had hands on experience with a range of different animals.



...listened to first hand accounts of holidays in the past from grandparents.



...shared in other cultures and explored their beliefs, traditions and ideas.



... explored toys and games from the 1950s.



...carried out geographical fieldwork.



...made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



...met a real life artist and created wire art in her style.



...produced a final piece of art work using printing, painting and drawing.



...taken part in a range of wellbeing activities as part of Children's Mental Health week.



...experienced a science day, exploring building materials.



...participated in a competition.



...visited the seaside.



...designed, made and evaluated a moving greetings card, fruit pot and toy windmill.



...fundraised for a worthy cause.



...an understanding of mindfulness and respect for others through peer massage.

Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 2 will move onto Year 3 having......



...experienced a school trip to Knowsley Safari Park.



...taken part in three Make and Do events with parents throughout the year.



...carried out geographical fieldwork.



...made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



..made our own clay tiles based on our observational drawings and paintings.



...set up and experienced our own Great Fire of London.



..designed, made and evaluated a pasta bake.



...taken part in a musical workshop experience from a different culture to our own.



...experienced printing and designing their own bag in the style of Keith



Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 3 will move onto Year 4 having...



...taken a tour through Ancient Egypt, using virtual reality.



...worked scientifically and presented data in different ways.



...invited parents into school to support reading for pleasure.



...taken part in an interactive science workshop



...made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



...produced a final piece of art work using drawing and painting.



... been to a science museum and made our own fossils.



...designed, made and evaluated our own crumble.



...participated in an intra-school competition.



...taken part in outdoor adventure opportunities.



...enjoyed a music workshop.



...designed and painted artefacts linked to other cultures.



...designed and created a sculpture in the style of Alberto Giacometti



Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 4 will move onto Year 5 having...



...learned to play a musical instrument ...



...worked scientifically and presented data in different ways.



Visited a place of worship to learn more about what people believe.



...experienced a performance from a live orchestra in a theatre.



...made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



...produced a final piece of art work using weaving, painting and drawing.



...invited our parents in to enjoy a shared reading experience.



...designed, made and evaluated their own biscuits.



...read three exciting new novels with my teacher.



...experienced life as a Roman in Chester.



...participated in an intraschool competition.



...become a food critic, tasting food from Greece.



...become experts in mindfulness and massage.





Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 5 will move onto Year 6 having...



... sculpted clay wave bowls in the style of Peter Blake.



... competed in an intraschool sport competition.



... chopped, sliced, diced and cooked a healthy Bolognaise.



scientific investigations.



...carried out fun, practical ... experienced a full day in secondary school.



... made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



... presented paintings and sculptures in an art exhibition for parents.



...taken part in a music workshop linked to South America.



... invited our parents and carers to engage with our learning.



... visited St George's Hall to experience Victorian Crime and Punishment



... used glue guns, saws and stitching to create a product for a target audience.

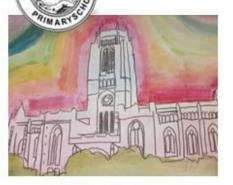


... taken part in a Space Virtual Reality workshop.



... used concrete apparatus in maths lessons.

Dovedale Primary Graduates in Year 6 will move onto Year 7 having...



... used monoprint to explore famous Liverpool architecture and our own identities.



... competed in an intraschool sport competition.



researching farm to fork.



... prepared a three course meal, ... carried out fun, practical scientific investigations.



...dissected a heart and made scientific diagrams.



... made a creative project and presented it to an audience.



.. showcased our learning and celebrated all our achievements at the Leavers' Ball.



...taken part in a music workshop linked to Black History



... welcomed poets and authors into our school to talk about their writing process.



... been coached by professional players in rugby and tennis.



... visited a World War Two bunker (Western Approaches) and learnt about the lives of the workers.



... taken part in a Science workshop around evolution.



..taken part in an active, adventurous team-building residential.