

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 1

Welcome

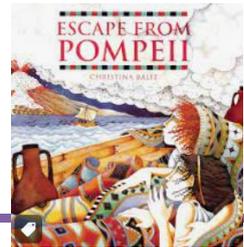
Welcome back, Deer Class! In this termly newsletter you will find out all about the exciting things we will be learning and any events coming up.

Reading

Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using various poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practise at home by reading frequently. We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

Recommended reads:

DESIREABLE by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Varjak Paw by SF Said
Charlie and the chocolate factory by Roald Dahl



Writing

This term we will be using the text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will be creating our own narratives, learning how to create tense, atmospheric writing through sentence structures and exciting vocabulary choices. We will also be exploring lots of different themes within this text like friendship, loss and death.

Maths

This term, for the most part, we will be concentrating our learning on 'Decimals'. Children will be looking at tenths and hundredths as both fractions and decimals. We will also be learning how to divide 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 and 100.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Food and Digestion'. Children will learn that food provides us with the energy we need for our life processes, but also to provide what we need to grow and repair. They will also learn about teeth and how they begin the process of digestion. As part of this unit we begin to explore the digestive system in more detail looking at how food is broken down into small molecules either mechanically, by teeth and churning, or chemically by enzymes.



Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Logo design'. The children will create their own logos, using variables for their creation.



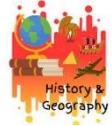
Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term our unit will be 'art' based and more specifically based around the formal elements of art. We will be looking at sketching and exploring different texturing techniques. As part of the unit we will also be looking at printing.



Geography/History

Our unit for this term is Geography based and is all about 'Earthquakes'. The children will learn that an earthquake is the sudden shaking of a part of the Earth's surface. Major earthquakes are usually caused by friction or pressure at plate boundaries. However, minor earthquakes can occur anywhere.



Music

The song we are working on this term is 'Blackbird' by The Beatles. The children will listen to and appraise this song as well as others. Each lesson we will take part in warm up games, where we move our bodies along to the beat of the music. Having picked up the basics of the 'glockenspiel' in term 1 we will be further developing these skills throughout this term.



PE

Our PE unit this term will be Athletics. We will be exploring varying different outdoor athletic events and learning how to be 'F.A.S.T'. Ultimately children will continue with our PE intent to 'sweat, smile and succeed'.



PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Relationships'. We will be looking at building positive and healthy relationships. We explore themes like love and loss as well looking at units based around friendships. Children will also look into the relationships between male and females and what it means to be 'boyfriend or girlfriend'.



RE

This term we will be studying Judaism. We will be looking at the different people and countries who have adopted this culture along with the many celebrations they undertake like Hanukkah.

Enrichment

At the end of this term, the children will be going on another trip outside of school. They will be visiting the forest at Deene House as part of the Forest Schools outdoor learning Project.



Homework Project

Why don't you try and create your own 'home-made' digestive system.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXvhurKGUic>





Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Mathew

Teaching Assistants: Mrs White

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and as the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 31st October – Autumn 2 Term starts

Friday 16th December – End of Autumn 2 Term

