

## Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Year 4, 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 a variety of 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 studying 'The Barnabus project' by the Fan Brothers. We will be creating our own narratives, learning how to create tense, atmospheric writing through sentence structures and vocabulary choices. We will also be writing our own information texts based on 'creatures' the children will have created after reading the Barnabus Project.



### **Maths**

Our first unit this term is addition and subtraction. We will be learning how to add and subtract numbers up to 1000. We will be looking at abstract along with formal written methods to solve basic calculations and complex problems.

Following this we will be looking at multiplication and division. This will include looking at abstract along with formal written methods.



### **Science**

Our Science topic this term is 'Good vibrations'. In this unit we will learn all about sound. We learn how different sounds are made, how they travel and how sounds change over specific distances. We will also be carrying out experiments looking at how we can use 'air' to make music.



### **Computing**

Our computing topic this term is 'Coding'. The children will create their own programmes, using variables to direct their characters. They will learn how to debug the programme when something is not right. At the end of the term we will be creating our own text-based adventures.



### **Art & Design/Design & Technology**

This term our unit will be 'art' based and more specifically 'sculpture'. We will be looking at how we can use everyday materials to make different sculptures from 'homemade maracas to drums. We also be studying various artists and their sculptures.



### **Geography/History**

On history unit for this term is 'The Romans'. Throughout the unit we will look at the Roman conquest of Great Britain and its lasting impact, as well as broader concepts like 'Invasion', 'Empire' and 'Slavery' and the outcomes they had during Roman times.



### **Music**

The song we are working on this term is 'Mamma Mia' by ABBA. 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 gymnastics. We will be working on warming up our bodies effectively, balancing and basic floor routines. As part of this scheme of work we will be using gymnastic equipment.



### **PSHE**

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Celebrating difference'. We will be identifying what it means to be different; looking at themes such as bullying. Throughout the unit we will be looking at what makes us special and how to understand and accept people for who they are.



### **RE**

This term we will be studying Christmas. We will be looking at various celebrations from around the world and who is important at Christmas time.



### **Enrichment**

At the end of this term, we will be holding a 'Romans themed' fun day. We will have the opportunity to find out more about Roman culture, create a Roman mosaic and try lots of delicious Italian themed food.



### **Homework Project**



Would you like to be a Roman Soldier? Create or draw the shield of a Legionary Soldier.  
Paint your face like the famous 'woman warrior' Boudicca.  
Create a 'slave for sale' poster advertising some Roman jobs they would be good at.



### 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 31<sup>st</sup> October – Autumn 2 Term starts

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Autumn 2 Term