

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 1

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

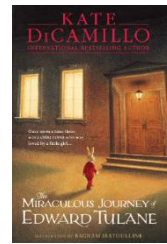
Whole class reading sessions will take place daily, using the text *The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane*. We will focus on developing reading fluency, which children can practise at home by reading frequently. We will also focus on comprehension skills such as inference & retrieval.

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 also be using 'The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. 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 Love & Death.

Maths

The term we are continuing our learning journey on Multiplication and Division. The children will be recapping previously learned tables like the x2 & x3 tables along with tables from the 4's through to the 12's. We will be working on programmes like TT Rockstars and begin to develop new strategies to solve problems as well as looking at abstract along with formal written methods.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Our Changing World'. In this unit we will learn all about plants, leaves and trees. We learn that there are many different plant & tree species and that each of them possesses different characteristics. Some of these lessons will be spent outside the classroom, exploring the natural environment around us within the school grounds.



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.



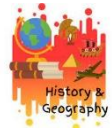
Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term our unit will be 'design' based and more specifically 'textiles'. We will be looking at how we 'fasten' different materials by exploring things like buttons and zips. The children will then undertake a project by designing and making a textile book holder.



Geography/History

Our unit for this term is Geography based and is all about 'Brazil'. The children will learn that Brazil is part of South America along with more formal themes of Geography like understanding 'lines of latitude and longitude'. As part of this unit, we will also be looking at some of Brazil's many indigenous people like 'Kayapo people' of the Eastern Amazon Jungle.



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 Dance. 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 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.

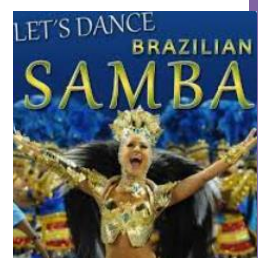
Enrichment

At the end of this term, we will be holding a 'Brazil' fun day. We will have the opportunity to find out more about Brazilian culture, create some Brazilian art and try lots of delicious South American themed food.



Homework Project

Would you like to party like Neymar?
Why not try learning to dance The Samba...
YouTube has some excellent Samba tutorials for children! Go on give them a try!





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, Ms Minton

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