

Year 4 Newsletter – Spring 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 the text *Fantastic Mr Fox*. 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 'Fantast. 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 comedy and suspense.



Maths

The term we are learning about Fractions. Throughout this unit of work children will recap previously learned multiplication tables along with the inverse of division in order to solve fraction problems.



Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Switched on!'. In this unit we will learn all about Electricity. Children will learn about electrical appliances and circuits along with insulators and conductors of electricity.



Computing

Our computing topic this term is 'Spreadsheets'. Children will be looking at different types of graphs, exploring mathematical features within Microsoft Excel and looking at how different font types can affect text.



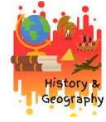
Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term our unit will be 'design' based around the theme 'Electronic Systems'. Children will explore different electrical products and will end the unit by designing their own torch.



Geography/History

Our unit for this term is Geography based. We will continue the terrific work we have already done around Brazil but this term we will be concentrating our studies around 'Rainforests'. The children will learn that tropical rainforests are an important eco-systems that contain lots of plants and wildlife. They will also learn that they are under threat from deforestation.



Music

Our music topic for this term is around Gospel music. 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 Hockey. We will be working on holding the stick correctly along with being able to hit the ball. At the end of the unit the children will also be competing in various game scenarios.



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 the general topic of belief. Children will be studying stories from a range of faiths and discussing what they mean.

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!
Or
Make a campaign poster saying why deforestation is bad tropical rainforests.





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 20th February – Start of half term

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March – Parents' evenings

Friday 31st March – School closes to pupils