

Year 4 Newsletter – Summer 2

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:

The Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan
The Monster Spotter's Handbook by Matt Cherry
Edie and the Box of Flits by Kate Wilkinson



Writing

This term we will be using the text 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. 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.

Maths

The summer term brings our busiest yet, in terms of unit coverage. Children will be looking at, Money, Time, Shape, Statistics and Geometry. Throughout all of these units they will be deepening their understanding from what they have learnt in previous year groups. They will continue to follow the whole school approach to mathematics working on making them great 'maths visualisers, experimenters & describers'.



Science

Our Science topic this term is Biology based around the theme of 'Classification'. Throughout the unit children will learn about how scientists classify organisms based on their characteristics. Children will become familiar with and understand the terms, vertebrates and invertebrates and how to apply them correctly. In this unit we will also look at the skeletal structure of organisms where children will be exploring endoskeletons, exoskeletons & hydrostatic skeletons.



Computing

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



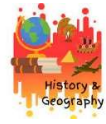
Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term our unit will be 'art' based and more specifically based around 'art & design skills'. In this unit children will be exposed to optical illusions and how to apply these to their own artwork. Through this unit children will be looking at famous artists from the past like Cezanne and how he created his 'still life' artwork using a mixture of colour and technique.



Geography/History

Our unit for this term is History based and is all about 'Ancient Maya'. Children will learn lots about different aspects of Mayan life from rulers to religion. They will also understand and begin to form a chronology knowing that ancient Maya was a period of time after 'The Romans'. Furthermore, children will learn that the Mayan civilisation flourished from 250 to 800. It declined after that, but descendants of the Maya live in Central America today



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 Cricket. We are so lucky to be able to offer specific skill-based coaching for this unit. The children will be taught by a coach working in conjunction with the Northamptonshire Steelbacks cricket team.



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 Mablethorpe Primary Academy as part of the 'Beach Schools' initiative.



Homework Project

Why don't you try and make or draw your own Mayan temple.
There are lots of examples you can find on Kids YouTube.
OR
Write your own information booklet all about what Mayans believed in.





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 5th June – Summer 2 Term starts

Wednesday 5th July – Sports Day

Friday 7th July – Transfer Day

Friday 21st – End of Summer 2 Term

