

## Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 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 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 study writing using a variety of different texts and videos as a stimulus. Firstly, as a class we will be looking at the short film 'Girl and Robot'. Throughout this unit the children we will be writing a diary from the point of view of a character. They will also be creating a non-chronological report based on the subject of 'robots'. The remainder of the term will find looking at the texts Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl and Journey by Aaron Becker.



### **Maths**

Our first maths unit is Place Value, where we will be looking firstly at the representation of numbers up to 10,000. We will use concrete resources such as base 10 blocks to support our learning. We will use this knowledge to help us to order and compare large numbers, before finishing the unit with rounding.



Towards the end of the half term, we will move to our addition and subtraction unit, working on securing the formal methods of both. The children will use what they have learnt to tackle multi-step questions and questions with missing numbers.

### **Science**

Our Science topic this term is 'Changing State'. We will learn that 'matter' is everything that the world is made of and understand that that it exists in three different states: Solid, Liquid and Gas. Children will begin to understand that substances can change from one state of matter to another and that all matter is made up of tiny parts called particles.



### **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.



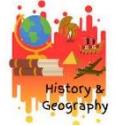
### **Art & Design/Design & Technology**

This term our unit will be 'technology' based – Exploring the digital world. Children will be looking at what it meant by the term 'mindfulness' and will be writing design criteria to fulfil a brief. They will then develop a product for timing a mindful moment.



### **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. We will then have the opportunity to sing the song and perform it on glockenspiels.



### **PE**

Our PE units this term will be 'outdoor adventures' & Tag Rugby. Our outdoor adventures unit will be based around orienteering. Children will learn lots of different skill regarding the theme of navigation along with work independently and as part of a larger team. The Tag Rugby unit will be based around learning the basic skills of rugby. Children will learn how to pass and run with the ball along with learning how to 'tackle'.



### **PSHE**

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Being Me in My World'. We will be identifying our goals and worries for the year, as well as understanding the rights of children around the world. We will find out what it means to be a 'Global Citizen'.



### **RE**

This term we will be studying Judaism. Children will learn lots about the religion of Judaism, including what makes a good Jew. Children will also be exposed to, although NOT covered, in depth like circumcision and The Holocaust.



### **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:** Miss White & Miss Organ

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 4<sup>th</sup> September – Training Day

W/B Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Reception children start- in either am or pm.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Y6 Condoover Trip

W/B 18<sup>th</sup> September – Reception children start full time

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Phonics Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Parents Phonics Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents Maths Workshops 2.00pm & 2.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Maths Workshops 9.00am & 9.30am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - 4pm -7pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening – 3.30pm - 6pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Whole school panto – Jack & Beanstalk

W/B 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents’ Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October school closes to pupils for Half Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Training Day