



# Year 1 News

## Autumn Term

January  
2024

Welcome to the Spring term in Year 1

We have started Literacy this term with 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' and comparing it to 'We're Going on a Lion Hunt'. After exploring these texts, the children will write their own versions. Later in the term we will apply our history knowledge of Grace Darling to write diary entries, practising our skill of writing in the first person. We will continue to focus on handwriting this term, particularly on where the letters should be placed when using lined paper. In phonics sessions, we will be continuing to learn new sounds and applying them in our reading and writing.

Our Maths will build on from the Autumn Term, extending our place value knowledge up to fifty. We will work with addition and subtraction facts up to twenty. Later in the term, we will focus on measurement, our previous knowledge will support us with this.

In Science, our focus is on 'Humans including animals and we will also continue our investigations into weather and the seasons. This links with our learning in Geography and Art, where we are learning about weather in the UK and artwork by David Hockney.

Finally, in RE we will be exploring Christianity as a faith and looking at Christian values explored through Bible stories.

We are hoping to visit the **National Maritime Museum** this half term. We will inform you of confirmation and dates in the upcoming weeks. The children would require a packed lunch.

On Wednesday afternoons, 1MG will be taking part in Forest School and will need wellies and waterproofs for this, whilst 1M will have music with Mr Moore. The classes will then swap over after February half term.

Please ensure your child has black shorts and a white t-shirt with their name on it for **PE Sessions**. With the colder weather, the children will also need long black tracksuit/jogging bottoms and top for doing PE outside this term. PE Kits can be taken home to be washed on Fridays and need to be back at school on **Mondays**. PE days this term are usually on a Thursday and Friday. Please leave your kits in school during the week in case our timetabled sessions change.

For Home Learning, we will send home selected words related to our phonics sessions and topics for the children to learn. A Maths activity will also be sent home weekly. Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and is expected to be learnt/returned the following Thursday when we will revisit the words in phonics. Please continue to read with your child daily and make comments in your child's reading record.

**Please let us know if you have some spare time and would like to come into class to support reading. We would greatly appreciate this, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.** This is subject to a DBS check, please contact the office to arrange.

**School Trips and Workshops:** We continue to be committed to offering a variety of school trips to enrich the curriculum we offer children here at Deansfield. As well as increasing children's self-esteem and confidence, trips are hugely successful when they are part of our long-term curriculum planning and have clear links to the classroom. As you know, we introduced a 'pay as you go' method in September. Further information is available on our internet: [School-Trips-parents-letter-200623](#). Your prompt payment via Bromcom is very much appreciated.

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**Thank you for your support,  
Miss Miller, Mrs Gould and Mrs Millar**