

Our **Science** Topic this term will focus on '**Plants**' and '**Materials**': We will be investigating different sorts of materials and how they can be changed in some way. We will be examining why different materials are suitable for different purposes.

**In Maths**, we have started the term by continuing our 'money' topic. Afterwards, we will be working on multiplication and division with numbers up to 100, this will support us when solving fractions. Measurement will also be a focus this term, allowing them to continue to apply their knowledge of the operations within context. We ask you to encourage your child to support the work in class by working with children to learn and memorise number bonds to up to 20, 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and their related facts. Keep practising counting on and back in 10s from any given number. Additionally, it would be useful if you could help your child to read the time on an analogue clock – o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, emphasising that the hour hand sits between the numbers when not on the hour.

We have started **Literacy** this term with '**The Owl who is Afraid of the Dark**' where the children have written lovely retells, using their knowledge of grammar to aid their sentences. Later in the term our key text will be '**Tear Thief**' where we will be focusing on explanation and instructional writing. **Computing** will be embedded in the children's learning throughout the term. **History** this term will keep us local as we will be focusing on '**Maritime Greenwich**'. **Geography** will allow them to explore geographical similarities and differences between **London** and **Cairo** including the rivers that run through them (**Thames** and **Nile**). In **Art**, children will learn about impressionism. We will continue to work on applying our rules when adding suffixes, spelling patterns and common exception words. There will be an emphasis on spelling and handwriting. **Please continue to practise spellings with the children each week.**

**Please ensure PE (Physical Education) kits** are named and brought into school on a Monday as timetables do change, and children will need to be in suitable clothing when using the apparatus. They can be taken home on Friday for washing. Black tracksuit bottoms may be worn for outdoor PE. Our focus this term is games.

**Forest school** is on a Wednesday for **2H** and **Music** will be on a Wednesday for **2B** this half term. This will switch after half term. Please remember to let us know if you can help us with Forest School.

In **RE (Religious Education)**, we will be finding out about a range of Celebrations and its importance to their believers. After half term we will be thinking solely about Christianity and our local church.

**Reading:** Your child will still be bringing home a new book each week unless they are reading a longer book, in which case they can change it once they have finished. Please continue to read with your child each day and write in their reading log.

**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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