

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your generous gifts and good wishes last term. Once again, we have a full term planned for the children to enjoy and the children have already made a good start to the term.

Science topic: This term we are learning about the human body, the key features of the musculoskeletal system and considering the body's need for good nutrition to maintain good health.

In Maths, we will continue to develop and extend number skills, with particular focus on multiplication and division as inverses. Within this unit, the children will also learn how to multiply 2-digit and a 1-digit numbers using the formal written method and will apply this to calculations involving money. By the end of Year 3 children should have secured their knowledge of the 3, 4

and 8-times tables and any support you can give them in practising these at home would be very beneficial. The children particularly enjoy using Timestable Rockstars to practice their tables. Should you have any problems logging onto this at home please do let us know.

As part of our **Literacy** learning we will be focusing on the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl using this text to guide both our reading and writing lessons. The children will explore newspaper reports and develop their debating skills to produce their own newspaper report. After half-term we will be reading 'Krindlekrax', where we will be looking at writing a diary entry, setting description and third person narrative. We will also continue to look at new spelling patterns and rules each week and they will continue to be part of weekly homework.

Our **History** topic this term will focus on the Ancient Egyptians. We will explore the position of this civilisation on a world timeline and compare it with what was happening in Britain at the same time. We will also be learning about the significance of Ancient Egyptian beliefs, their society and how it was ruled. To support this learning, we hope to have a workshop in school from the CREW drama company (on 22nd January). To end the topic, we will plan an Egyptian day in school (on 8th February) where children will be invited to dress like an Ancient Egyptian, details will follow later this half term. After half term, our **Geography** focus will be about the River Thames. We will be looking at the role rivers play in the water cycle, who manages the Thames and how it impacts London.

Our termly focus for **RE** will be Christianity, the Bible, Christian life and different places of worship.

PE this term will be hockey and dance which we will link to our History topic of the Ancient Egyptians. Please ensure your child comes to school with a named white t-shirt, black shorts, trainers or plimsolls. PE Kit should be kept at school all week and taken home on Friday for washing. Black jogging bottoms may be worn for outside PE.



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In Art, we will be exploring the work of the British artist, LS Lowry and the children will be learning how to draw an urban area using perspective and create a rural scene.

Home Learning: Reading for a minimum of ten minutes every night, completing the reading log and learning weekly spellings continue to be very beneficial. Also completing the maths homework every week will really support your child's learning in class as we use this as an opportunity for the children to consolidate that week's Maths learning. Reading logs will be checked weekly.

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.

This term, we have lots of exciting trips and activities planned.

22nd January – Ancient Egyptian CREW Workshop

8th February – Ancient Egyptian Day

26th February – 3MEL Trip to British Museum

1st March – 3MAT Trip to British Museum

Date tbc – Creekside River mouth walk

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Matthews and Miss Mellers
