

# Year 6 News

## Spring Term

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A Happy New Year to you all - we hope you had a lovely break. The children have settled back into school well and we are all excited for the term ahead! Firstly, at the end of this half term we will be going on our **School Journey**. The children will be given a few Q&A sessions on this and a reminder of what is needed for the trip will be sent out to help with preparations. Any questions you may have about the trip, please contact your class teacher and we will be happy to help. In addition, **WW2 Day** will be taking place at school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**. This is when we ask children to come into school dressed as evacuees, bring in a packed lunch relevant to the time-period, and immerse themselves in the activities which children of this time might have been involved in. We will be sending out a letter with more information about this in the coming weeks.

**Literacy:** In Literacy this half term, we will begin with reading the book *Framed* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, which begins with looking at the theft of the Mona Lisa. This will structure our first writing outcome and will link to our reading lessons too for the next half term. After this, we will be writing as if we are David Attenborough studying a variety of different animals. Moving onto the next half term, where we will be linking our writing to our history topic of the war. We will begin with war poetry and will then move on to reading and writing about *The Boy at the Top of the Mountain*. Throughout this time, we will continue to explore a variety of genres and writing styles and continue with our weekly/fortnightly spelling rule focus (which is posted on Google Classroom). As well as these spellings, please encourage children to continue to learn and practice the words off the year 5 and 6 spelling list. Finally, it is vital that children read daily for at least 20 minutes at home for them to build up their pace and stamina - all books that they read count towards points for their reading challenge teams!

**Maths:** In maths we will continue to consolidate the children's understanding of all elements of numbers and calculation as well as giving them the opportunity to practice test type arithmetic and reasoning questions. We will continue with the daily maths homework to ensure all children are fluent in key arithmetic, needed in year 6. Please ensure your child keeps up with this and does as much of this independently as possible. If your child would like some support or extra problem-solving homework, please remember they have access to MyMaths, Maths.co.uk and TT Rockstars. A reminder of these log ins will be sent home.

**Science:** Over this term we will be exploring some exciting topics within the focus of 'Animals Including Humans', this includes The Circulatory System and Nutrition. We will be completing many different science experiments that will improve the children's enquiry skills, as well as their understanding about the topic.

**Humanities:** Our focus for this half term will be Geography, continuing with our study of North America. We will aim to explore the key physical features of North America and how the 'Great Pacific Garbage Patch' formed and what impact this has. The second part of the term, we will be looking at our history topic of the impact of World War 1 and 2 on the UK and modern civilisation. We will explore topics such as: The Blitz, the build-up to WW1 and 2, propaganda during the war and the lasting impact the war has had on our lives today.

**Art:** We will be exploring Pop Art and specifically exploring the work of Peter Blake as our inspiration. We will be looking at how the colours work together and how we can use this theme to create digital art too.

**R.E:** Our topic of focus for this half term is 'Peace'. We will be exploring what peace means in different religions and what it means to the individual. In the second half term our topic will be 'End of Life's Journey' where we will explore how a variety of religions celebrate a life and how communities support others in time of need.

**MFL:** The children will be developing their use of French this term with a focus on Journeys and Travel.

**P.E:** In this term we will be learning the game of Football, paired with indoor work in Dance. We will all be learning the steps to a shared dance and have the opportunity to add our own creativity to certain parts. A reminder to ensure that your child has the correct PE kit (black shorts/ leggings/ jogging bottoms and plain white t-shirt) in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items are named so we can return items if they are lost.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning all about how to keep safe online. We will be understanding how to keep our information private, knowing how to help others online and understanding where to go to if we need help. We will also begin a coding project, where we will look at using skills to make objects move.



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**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.

***Finally, thank you for your support over the past term - Miss Powell and Mrs Posnett***