

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Year 6. We are excited to be sharing the children's last term at Deansfield and are proud of all the hard work the children have put into their learning so far. We are looking forward to seeing everything they will achieve this term.

Literacy: This term we will begin by focusing on the different grammar rules and terminology and putting this into practice. We will then go onto a variety of formal (including a persuasive argument) and informal pieces of writing (TripAdvisor review, letter of complaint) and then ending on a few narratives. Our writing this term will link to the following texts: The Boy at the Top of the Mountain, The Landlady and The Hunger Games.

Maths: We will continue to consolidate the children's understanding of all elements of number, calculation, shape and statistics as well as giving the children the opportunity to practice test type arithmetic and reasoning questions. We will be applying these skills to a variety of different questions and topics.

Art: We will be exploring the techniques of Faith Ringgold's paintings and using this as our inspiration to recreate an image of hers.

RE and World Views: The focus for the first half term is 'Judaism' and then the second half term we will be looking at 'Faith in Royal Borough of Greenwich' and how this relates to us, our school and our community.

Science: The topics this term are Living Things and their Habitats with a focus on Classification and after half term Evolution and Inheritance. We will continue to work on our scientific skills, alongside our knowledge, by doing experiments, exploring research and a variety of scientists.

Relationships and Health Education: We will continue to learn more about the protected characteristics and the Equalities Act as well as a series of sex education lessons. We will inform you of the dates when we will be carrying out these lessons so that you are prepared. Usborne produce books 'What's Happening to Me' - a girls and boys' version that you might find useful to share with your child. [If you would like more suggestions for books to share with your children, click here.](#)

Geography: We will be continuing our study of North America by looking at environmental issues linked to a case study of The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

History: We will be continuing our learning about World War 2 and its effect on the world we live in today. We will then move onto the topic of 'Civilisations'. Here we will be building on previous learning about Ancient Civilisations such as Ancient Greece, in order to show us what that says about the life lead at the time and link that to our current day.

Computing: We will be focusing on the Computer Science strand, where we will be learning about text-based coding using programmes such as Scratch, CS First and a variety of other programmes. We will also be learning how to code external controllers such as the Sphero coding balls.

MFL: In French, we will be continuing with our topic of Transport and developing our conversational French.

Plans for the end of the year are well underway, we look forward to celebrating what has been a fantastic time at Deansfield with all the children. Part of this celebration will include our Year 6 Production, which we are really excited to get started on after half term – more details about this will be sent to you nearer the time. Alongside all the fantastic end of year plans for Year 6, we also have a few trips coming up in the Summer Term. We will keep you up to date as to when these will be and how much they will cost. We thank you for all your support with this, as without you they couldn't go ahead!

Some reminders:

- **PE takes place** twice weekly on Mondays and Fridays so please ensure that your child brings their P.E Kit in on those days. It is important children remember to bring in their P.E kit to change into for the entire week just in case plans change. P.E kit consists of black joggers/shorts and a white t shirt. Hair needs to be tied back and if children wear ear studs, these need to be removed or covered beforehand.

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Summer Term

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- **Homework** will continue throughout the Summer Term, with our daily maths focused Google Classroom quizzes. We also encourage children to practise their reasoning skills through using MyMaths or Maths.co.uk each week too.
- For spellings this term we will be sending home a reminder of the spelling rules we have covered this year in class. It is vital that children continue to read daily for **at least 20 minutes** at home in order for them to build up their pace and stamina.

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 with all the above and all our exciting trips. As always, it is highly appreciated.
From Mrs Posnett and Miss Powell