

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final term in Year 4 which we're sure will be another busy one, full of new, exciting learning, swimming, visits and annual events such as Sports Day.

In Literacy this term, our focus text will be 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We will be creating our own islands and writing a persuasive travel brochure for people to come and visit our dragon-infested setting! We are also planning on using the text to produce our own comic strip stories. We will continue with whole class guided reading sessions and would very much appreciate your support in ensuring that your child also reads at home every day and completes their reading log at least once a week.

Our Maths learning this term will initially focus on decimals before moving on to time, money and geometry. It is extremely important that children continue to practise their times tables daily by playing the soundcheck and studio games on TTRS to improve both their speed and accuracy in preparation for the national Year 4 tables check in at the beginning of June.

Our science focus for the first half term will be the digestive system, teeth and the importance of a healthy diet. We will be producing a display in the Foundation Hall related to this in Summer 2 as part of a whole school project. The children always enjoy producing learning during these projects and having the opportunity to showcase it to the rest of the school, so please do look out for this later in the term. The second half term we will be looking at living things and their habitats and exploring the natural food chain.

In History, we will be learning about the impact the Vikings have had on Britain today. We will be taking part in a visit to Lesnes Abbey to support this. This will be on **07/05/2024 for 4B** and **08/05/2024 for 4W**. If you can volunteer for this trip, please let us know.

In Geography we will be looking at climate change and how this impacts our world.

In our D.T lessons, we will be designing a healthy snack and understanding the importance of healthy eating and in art, we will be looking at the work of Frida Kahlo and creating our own self-portraits in the same style. We hope to do some outdoor learning to support this topic, weather permitting.

In RE we will be learning about another world religion, Islam. We will be exploring key aspects of fasting and Ramadan and the importance of Hajj for Muslims, a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Swimming will continue throughout the summer term (see the dates below for each class). PE will continue to happen on Mondays (for those who aren't swimming) and Tuesdays for both classes. We suggest that PE kits are sent in on a Monday regardless of whether the children are swimming that day, so that it is in school for Tuesday.

4B Swimming Dates	4W Swimming Dates
22 April	15 April
13 May	29 April
10 June	20 May
24 June	17 June
8 July	1 July

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.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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