



Year 3 News

Summer Term

April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer term in Year 3. We are looking forward to another busy and fun term ahead!

In Maths, we will be continuing our learning on mass and capacity before focussing on fractions, money, time, and shape. It continues to be important for the children to be practising their times tables at home at least three times a week. This can be done on Times Table Rockstars and not only helps the children in their everyday Maths but is also good practice for the statutory times table check they will complete in Year 4. We will also be having a big focus on our problem-solving skills and systematically thinking to help stretch and challenge the children further.

In **Literacy**, we will begin the summer term with a two week focus on poetry. Hopefully the children will come home excited to share and perform the poems they will have written with you! We will also be reading our new text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and explore writing and performing monologues.

Science topic: We will be starting this term by looking at Light and Shadows. After half term, we will be looking at Plants we will consider the conditions needed for plants to grow and be healthy. We will investigate plants and their parts and look in detail at the function of each part. We will also conduct experiments to investigate what plants need to thrive. The children will also have an opportunity to grow a bean at home and at the end of term we will award a small prize for who grew the healthiest plant, the tallest plant and who maintained the most diligent observations during the time.

Our **History** topic is Maritime Greenwich, where we will be learning about the significance of Greenwich as a commercial and naval port and the children will build on their Year 2 learning about Horatio Nelson and his links to Greenwich. After half term, our **Geography** focus will be about Europe. Where we will be locating and comparing different parts of the continent.

Our termly focus for **RE** we are looking at Buddhism, focussing on the story of Prince Siddhartha and the founding of Buddhism.

PE will continue to be on Wednesdays and Thursdays for both classes. Our focus across the term is cricket and athletics in preparation for Sports Day. Please ensure the children have the correct, labelled PE kit in school on the days needed.

In Art, our artist focus is Pablo Picasso, and the children will be creating their own self-portraits in his style using the media photography and clay sculptures.

DT, In D.T. We will be looking at bridges and understanding how they function, leading to designing and creating our own bridge sculptures. Look out for future requests for materials for the children to make their bridges such as thin sheets of plastic, yogurt pots and fruit punnets as examples.



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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:

9th May – Royal Naval College, History trip.

14th June – Tower Bridge, D.T. trip

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