

Year 1 News

Summer Term

April 2024

Welcome to the Summer term in Year 1. We are looking forward to a fun term ahead, hopefully with some warmer weather!

In the first half term, we will be looking at traditional tales, focussing on character description, and building up to writing our own versions of parts of the stories. We will be focussing on handwriting and spelling this term, particularly where the letters should be placed on the lines. In phonics sessions, we will be continuing to practise previously taught graphemes and learn new and alternative sounds and applying them in our reading and writing.

In the first half term, we will be learning about the history of boats, building on their learning about Grace Darling. We are looking forward to going on our trip to the Cutty Sark in June and creating our own junk models of the Cutty Sark in Art.

Our Maths learning will initially focus on learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, which will lead into a focus on multiplication and division. Later in the term, we will look at place value within 100, simple geometry and time. Should you wish to support your children at home, please practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, especially using objects to help them understand the concept.

Our Science focus for this term will be on plants and the children will be learning the names of parts of a plant, identifying different plants and flowers, as well as having the opportunity to grow seeds. In RE we will be learning about another world religion, Judaism, and exploring key aspects of festivals observed in the Jewish faith.

Please ensure children have PE kits in school all week, and that ALL items of PE kit are clearly labelled. We will be doing most of our PE lessons outside in preparation for Sports Day, so please ensure they have suitable footwear that still fits. More information about Sports Day to follow soon.

We will continue to send spellings and phonics home and a Mymaths activity online.

School Trips: 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. Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via dfcontact@deansfield.compassps.uk address and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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