



DEANSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5 News

Summer Term

April 2026

Welcome back to a new term; our topics this term are as follows:

In Literacy we are reading a silent graphic novel by Shaun Tan called 'The Arrival'. Based on this text, we will be using lots of inference skills to understand characters and the story, leading us to write a diary entry from a character's perspective. We will also be building up to persuasive brochure to advertise the city as a safe place to live and work. To support this text we will be reading 'The story like the wind' By Gill Lewis in our reading lessons.

We will also continue to focus on grammar, punctuation, spelling and handwriting. **The children will receive spellings (usually every other week) that they are expected to learn, as well as this we encourage all children to read for at least 10-15 minutes every day. To support the children's comprehension, we will be sending home reading activities every other week.** We ask that children have their reading books and reading logs available in school every day. We have been talking to the children about selecting quality fiction books to read both at school and at home and we would appreciate your support in helping your child to choose appropriate books with sufficient challenge to develop their reading pace and stamina.

We will continue to work through the Year 5 **Maths** programme of study. We will be developing reasoning and problem-solving skills through open questions and collaborative work. This term, we are concentrating on area and perimeter, shape, measuring and drawing angles and then looking at properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will then move onto Geometry: position and direction where we will be looking at coordinates and symmetry. Next, we will revisit decimals and work on adding and subtracting decimals as well as multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Then we will look at negative numbers and finally converting units of measurement and volume. **We would ask for your help and encouragement in supporting your child to build up speed and fluency in their multiplication tables as well as completing the weekly maths homework. Children also have their logins for Times Tables Rockstars for additional practice to support multiplication beyond the 12 times table.**

In **Science** we will be focusing on the topic of Living things and their habitats, which involves learning about the life cycles of different plants and animals. Towards the end of the term, we will be completing the topic of Animals including humans, which also links to our **PSHE** curriculum of sex education. In PSHE we will first be learning about developing healthy habits and making healthy choices. This will include learning about drugs and medicines and how these can affect our bodies. The focus will be on keeping ourselves safe and healthy. After half-term we will be learning about changes that happen physically and emotionally during puberty and how these effects those around us. For more information, please come and speak to either one of us.

Our **History** this term we will be focussing on the British Empire and the Transatlantic slave trade. We will look at how these impacted on governance and society at the time; how they have gone on to impact how we live in Britain today; and on Tuesday 30th June we will be going on a trip to Westminster Abbey which will link to our History learning throughout the year.

In **Geography**, we will continue to look at South America and the Amazon Rainforest, however our focus shifts slightly to looking at human geography and how humans have impacted on the rainforest.

In **Art**, we will be learning how the Old Master painters have informed the work of contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley. The children will use different paint forms to create a mixed media-stained glass window based on Wiley's work. In **DT**, we will be creating our own alarm as a deterrent using circuits building on the children's previous knowledge of electrical systems. Children will explore how to make prototypes, draw exploded diagrams and design a product of their choice using different switches.



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In **RE**, this term we will be learning about Sikhism and the Gurdwara.

Our **PE** sessions will take place usually on Thursdays and Fridays with a focus on athletics and hockey for the first half term and then cross country running and cricket for the final half term. Please ensure that the children have the correct PE kit in school all week including trainers and that **long hair is tied back**. Please remember children should only be wearing **stud earrings** to school. School PE kit consists of a white t shirt, black shorts, joggers or leggings. We will send out sports day teams and the colour t-shirt your child needs to wear for **sports day which is earlier this year on Wednesday 20th May**.

In **Computing**, we will be using the programme Swift Playgrounds to explore coding and programming as part of Computer Science. Children will develop their coding skills through this programme the to program for different purposes. Our **French** this term is looking at describing the names of places in a town and moving on to be able to give directions. In **Music**, children will continue to have a weekly music lesson with Mr Drew.

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. Your prompt payment via MCAS is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch, via deansfield@compassps.uk, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Henry and Mrs Nisbet Year 5 teachers