

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 write a setting description to be used in a persuasive travel brochure for people to come and visit our dragon-infested island! We will also be writing a narrative to retell parts of the story and will look to develop some of our writing skills such as punctuating speech. 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. This will maintain their speed and accuracy in preparation for the national Year 4 tables check which will happen in school in 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. In the second half of the summer 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 Lesness Abbey to support this. This will be on **22/04/26 for 4N** and **23/04/26 for 4H**. 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.

During the first half term, we will be looking at art and 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 our DT lessons, in the second half term, we will be designing a healthy snack and understanding the importance of healthy

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

Swimming will continue throughout the summer term (an email was for each class containing the dates). PE will continue to happen on Mondays (for those who aren't swimming) and Wednesday 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. We are looking forward to practising our cricket skills for the Eltham and Motttingham Platform Cricket Festival at Avery Hill on 1st 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. Your prompt payment via MCAS is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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