

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 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 our focus text on Krindlekrax. The children will be writing a narrative using direct speech and then moving onto descriptive writing.

Science topic: We will be starting this term by looking at Light and Shadows. After half term, 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 Mondays and Thursdays for both classes. Our focus across the term is cricket and athletics in preparation for Sports Day. We will be sending out Sports Day groups. Please ensure the children have the correct, labelled PE kit in school for the whole week, in case PE days need to change for some reason.

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 continue 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.



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Home Learning: Reading for a minimum of ten minutes every night and learning weekly spellings will 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.

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. Your prompt payment via MCAS is very much appreciated.

This term, we have lots of exciting trips and activities planned:

Monday 15th June 3MG - Royal Naval College, History trip

Thursday 18th June 3F – Royal Naval College, History trip.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Gould, Mrs Millar, Ms Baylis and Mrs Hopper