



Year 1 News

Summer Term

April 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 1,

We have started Literacy this term with 'The Girl at The Front of the Class' where we are practising our storytelling skills and continuing to develop our confidence with writing full sentences, using full stops and capital letters. We will then be moving on to using description in our writing and learning all about **adjectives**. We will be exploring this through lots of different stories such as 'Goldilocks' - a twist on a traditional tale! Throughout the second half of the term our books will be pirate based, linking to our history topic. We will be reading lots of exciting stories such as: Pirate Mums, Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs and The Secret of Black Rock. We will continue to focus on handwriting this term, particularly on where the letters should be placed when using lined paper and going back over previously taught letters to ensure correct letter formation. In phonics sessions, we will be consolidating our learning by recapping previously taught sounds.

In Maths we are moving onto the beginning stages of 'Multiplication and Division' and then moving onto exploring 'Fractions'. In the next half-term, our topic will begin with 'Geometry', where we will look at position and direction, 'Place Value within 100', we will revisit Measurement at the end of the term but this time we will be looking at money and time.

In Science, our focus is on 'Plants' where we will learn about the different parts of a plant and also the different types of plants too. This will work alongside our continued longitudinal study of the 'Seasons' that we have looked at over the whole of Year 1.

In PSHE we are learning about Living in the Wider World by exploring ourselves and others and the world around, looking at topics such as kind and unkind behaviour. Finally, in RE we will be exploring the religion Judaism and moving onto looking at Jewish Festivals in the second half term.

We are going to visit the Cutty Sark this half term on Friday 8th May and then on Thursday 2nd July we will be going to visit The Golden Hinde for a pirate workshop. Both these trips link to our history topic (The Cutty Sark, comparing different boats) and our literacy topic of Pirates.

Forest School will continue to take place on alternate Tuesday afternoons, with the children still requiring their waterproof clothing and wellies. Later on in the term, children will be beginning to explore where the external forest school site will be (which they will use properly in Year 2), this will involve them walking off site and going to Oxleas Woods - we would really appreciate any support with this walk when possible. Dates and reminders of this will be posted on Google Classroom when those visits arise.

Please ensure your child has black shorts and a white t-shirt with their name on for **PE Sessions**. PE Kits can be taken home to be washed on Fridays and need to be back at school on **Mondays**. PE days this term are usually on a Monday and Friday. Please leave your kits in school during the week in case our timetabled sessions change.

For Home Learning, we will continue to send home selected words related to our phonics sessions and topics for the children to learn. A Maths activity will also be uploaded to MyMaths each week. Home learning will be sent home on a Friday and is expected to be learnt/returned the following Thursday. Please continue to read with your child daily and make comments in your child's reading record.

Please let us know if you have some spare time and would like to come into class to support reading. We would greatly appreciate this, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. This is subject to a DBS check, please contact the office to arrange.

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 support,
Miss Miller and Mrs Pay and the rest of the Year 1 Team**