

Welcome to Year 4.

It has been lovely to see the children back at school in their new classrooms; they are settling quickly and are already enjoying the new curriculum Year 4 brings. This year 4H will be supported by Miss Bramley and 4N will be supported by Mrs Kennedy.

Maths: This term we will work on place value and numbers up to 10,000. We will be looking at mental calculations involving all four operations to develop mathematical fluency and working memory. We would like to emphasise the importance of learning and practising times tables at home, as they are an important life skill, an integral part of everyday learning in maths and will help your child to gain more confidence in all areas. In the summer, there will be a statutory national times tables test, and we will be working with the children to make sure they are secure and confident in their tables. We recommend using Times Table Rock Stars or [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk) as short bursts of practice are good for long term memory.

Literacy: Over the term we will be exploring different genres, looking at their content, structure, style and vocabulary. We will also be working on grammar rules and spelling patterns. For the first half term, we will be exploring *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit which links nicely to our history learning on Romans. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about Roman life. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular daily reading at home. Reading books and reading logs should be in school daily and we ask that reading logs are written in at least once a week by an adult at home. This can be a small comment about what your child is reading to you at home or initialled to acknowledge the children are completing their logs independently.

Science: This half term we will study electricity, and the children will be investigating circuits and exploring conductors and insulators and after half term, our focus will be on sound.

History: We will be learning all about the Ancient Romans and what their impact on British society and infrastructure was. We hope to have a visiting theatre group coming to school to carry out a workshop with the children on 'Roman Day' which is on the last day of the half term, children are invited to dress up in their finest Roman attire.

Geography: After half term our Geography focus will be the Arctic and Antarctica. Our focus will be on explorers and will also link to our DT where we will design mittens for use in cold climates.

P.E: This year in PE the children will have a swimming lesson once a fortnight and other PE lessons will be in school. PE will be on Mondays and Fridays, with swimming on alternate Mondays for each class (once we have the confirmed dates for these, we will send them as soon as possible with further details). The children will need to have their PE kit in school on Monday, to take home on Friday and just remember their swimming kit once a fortnight. In school PE, we will be focusing on basketball and gymnastics. Please make sure all parts of the PE kit are labelled so that we can get them back to their owner if they go missing. P.E. kits should comprise of a white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls, in a named bag. Please ensure the children have jogging bottoms/leggings and a dark sweatshirt as the weather becomes colder. Children

with long hair will need to have it tied back and if any child has recently had their ears pierced, earrings need to be covered in school – for swimming the Eltham Centre pool staff will not allow the children in the pool with earrings, so they must be removed at home before swimming lessons.

Art: In Art, we will be focusing on Renaissance art and will focus on the artists Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci and comparing their two different styles. We will be exploring Renaissance architecture and developing sketching and watercolour skills.

Computing: In Computing, we will be selecting and exploring appropriate apps and using them for purpose.

Music: Mr Drew will be teaching class curriculum music lessons on Tuesdays so if your child plays an instrument, they can bring it that day in addition to any other music lessons they might have in the week.

Uniform: We would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is for all children to wear the correct school uniform. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes and water bottles please!).

Home Learning: We will give out spellings and times tables on a Friday and will be tested the following week. All spelling practise will be uploaded to Google Classroom, with links to Oak Academy website; you will need a class code for Google Classroom – 4H is mk6imsd3 and 4N is oboyxd5g, please note that the children's password for this site has now been changed to individual ones. All Maths homework will be set on MyMaths. Children will be given their logins for these sites, if you have any issues accessing any of the homework, please let us know.

School Trips and Experiences: We are continuing a 'pay as you go' method which can be paid for via MCAS. We would be grateful if you could pay for these promptly as soon as you receive the information to ensure we can book the exciting trips, workshops and theatre groups for the rest of the year. The letter is available on our website [Deansfield Primary School - Communication & Letters Home \(compassps.uk\)](https://www.compassps.uk/deansfield-primary-school-communication-letters-home)

Keeping in touch: We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries you may have, otherwise please contact us via **Google Classroom**. We will respond within **three working days**. If your matter is urgent, please email the school office at deansfield@compassps.uk.

Thank you for your support

Miss Hudson and Mrs Newman