



Y6 Deer Class Newsletter Term 2

Hello to you all!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing half term and that yourselves and the children are all raring to go for what is always a busy term.

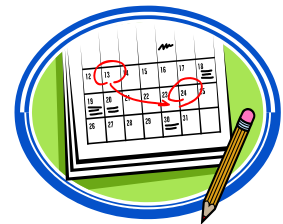
Hopefully, this term will be less disruptive with a more regular pattern of day-to-day learning now that secondary school visits and our residential trip have taken place.

As always, if there is anything at all you need to speak to me about please do come and see me before or after school or email me at daniel.warner@bad.kent.sch.uk. Please be aware however, that I am unavailable to arrange any meetings after school on Mondays and Tuesdays due to football club and staff meetings respectively.

Here's to lots of hard work ahead but what we hope will be a fantastic festive term!

Mr Warner (Mrs Douglas & Mrs Jones)

Key Dates



Monday 29th October - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30th October - Start of Term 2

Wednesday 14th November - Parent Consultations (1.30pm - 4pm)

Thursday 15th November - Parent Consultations (2.30pm - 6pm)

Thursday 22nd November - YR and Y6 weight and height checks with school nurse

Monday 26th November - Thursday 29th November - Book Fair in school

Friday 7th December - Christmas Fayre

Friday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert (2pm)

Monday 17th December - Children's Christmas Dinner

Monday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17th December - Christmas Mix-Up Day

Tuesday 18th December - Last day of Term 2

Wednesday 19th December - Staff Development Day

Topics Overview

English – We will continue studying a range of short texts to link in with our history topic on World War II, using them as a stimulus for writing in a variety of genres. We will also continue with regular grammar and punctuation work, handwriting practice and spelling work. Extended writing sessions will take place regularly to ensure we have a wide range of evidence to support teacher assessment for writing.

Maths – Our sessions this term will include long division, simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions; adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions; angles at a point, on a straight line and calculating missing angles; parts of a circle; order of operations (BODMAS); 2D and 3D shapes. We will also complete investigative and problem solving activities, arithmetic sessions and the usual times tables practice on a regular basis.

Science – This term's topic is Evolution and Inheritance. The children will learn about fossils and how they provide information about living things that inhabited earth millions of years ago; how characteristics are passed from parents to offspring; and how animals adapt to suit their habitats.

R.E – We will continue to look at what matters most to Christians and Humanists, considering the importance of different values and how our outlook on life can be influenced. Towards the end of term, we will look at Christmas as a festival and whether Humanists should celebrate it.

P.E – As before, this term the children will have PE on a Tuesday (multiskills/fitness) and Friday (wake and shake). All PE sessions this term will continue to be taught by Mr Packer. PE kit should consist of a plain red T-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers and black plimsolls. As the weather is getting colder, the children are also allowed to bring a tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons. Please remember to mark every item with your child's name. If your child wears stud earrings please remember that these need to be removed for lessons or covered with micropore.

Computing – During our topic this term, we will use a variety of websites and challenges to consider the validity of the World Wide Web. Plagiarism, copyright and bias will also be discussed.

Art/D.T. – As we focused on skyline art last term that linked to the Blitz, this term the children will be learn more about Spitfire aircraft and will design and make their own Spitfire model using modroc.

History/Geography – This term, we will continue with our study of World War II in the local area, linking our work to other curriculum areas such as Design and Technology and Literacy. This term we will focus on rationing, Dig for Victory, propaganda and Operation Fortitude.

PSHE – This term our topic is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. During these sessions the children will spend time learning about how to resolve conflict with their peers whilst identifying what makes a good friend.

Music – Our focus this term is composition, primarily using glockenspiels. The children will look at rhyme and rhythmic patterns, using this to create their musical compositions individually and as a group.

French – This term our unit 'Notre monde' focuses on the world around us. We will find out and compare the geography of France, French-speaking countries and other areas around the world.

Home Learning

Spellings

Each week the children will have a list of 12 spellings on a **Thursday** that need to be practised and learnt for a test the following **Tuesday**.

Times tables

The children should be regularly practising their times tables and any arithmetic strategies they recognise they need to develop. Arithmetic is an important aspect of maths and hugely supports learning within the classroom. The children will be given a task each week aimed at supporting times table practise/recall.

Reading

Please encourage and support your child with daily reading practice at home. Fifteen to twenty minutes per day is ideal or as often as possible. The children will continue to be encouraged to record any reading in their record books and any parental comments are always appreciated.

Any children wishing to complete additional tasks can undertake research based on any topics being studied in class. This can be recorded in their homework books.