



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. The children have really started to recognise what is expected of them this year and are working hard to develop their independence & resilience.

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 great festive term!

Mr Warner (Mrs Douglas and Mrs Fulton)

Key Dates



Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th - Parent Consultations (3.30pm - 6pm)

Monday 15th - Friday 19th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 19th November - Children in Need

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th November - Assessment Week

Friday 26th - Non-uniform Day (bring something for raffle)

Friday 10th December - Flu jabs

Friday 10th December - Christmas Fayre (3pm - 4.30pm)

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Activity Day & Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th December - Christmas Discos (KS2 4.45pm - 5.45pm)

Friday 17th December - Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Staff Development Day

Wednesday 5th January - Start of Term 3

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: translating and reflecting shapes in all four quadrants; 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; and order of operations (BODMAS). We will also complete investigative and problem solving activities, arithmetic sessions and the usual times tables practice on a regular basis.

Science – This term, our topic areas will include: light and how it travels; Earth and how its movement gives rise to seasons; forces, including gravity and magnets; electricity and how voltage affects a circuit.

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 **Wednesday** (wake & shake/fitness with Mrs Fulton) and **Friday** (basketball/fitness with Mr Warner). The children should come into school in their PE kit on these days. PE kit should consist of a plain red T-shirt, plain black shorts/tracksuit trousers and trainers. If your child wears stud earrings, please remind them that these need to be removed for lessons or covered with micropore. Any children with long hair must make sure it's tied up/back before the session – please provide a hair tie in these cases.

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, the Battle of Britain, propaganda and further learning about the Blitz.

PSHE – This term we will continue our topic of 'how can we stay healthy?' During these sessions, the children will spend time learning and discussing how the media affects our health/choices, how habits impacts our health and risks and effects of legal and illegal substances.

Music – Our focus this term is a 'British Band Study'. During this topic, the children will look at British bands, exploring their music and influence within the music industry.

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 set a task on Edshed every **Thursday** that should be completed by **Tuesday**. The children know their log in details and should have no problem accessing this – please let me know if there are any difficulties with this.

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.

Any children wishing to complete additional tasks can undertake research based activities on any topics being studied in class. These can be recorded in their homework books or could be presented in a presentation document and uploaded to Google Classroom.