



Deansfield Primary School

Year 1 Newsletter Summer 2021

Welcome to the Summer term in Year 1. We are looking forward to a fun term ahead and hopefully some warmer weather. We would like to welcome Miss Giwa to our Year 1 team. Miss Giwa is a final placement student from the Institute of Education and will be supporting the teaching in 1B.

In Literacy this term our focus will be on stories related to the sea. This will build on last term's Geography learning about the coast and link to our History learning on Grace Darling and The Cutty Sark.

In the first half term, we will be reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* by David and Rhonda Armitage, a non-fiction text about Grace Darling published by Big Cat books, *The Secret of Black Rock* by Joe Todd Stanton, as well as exploring *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. We will be focussing on handwriting this term, particularly where the letters should be placed on the lines. In phonics sessions, we will be continuing to learn new and alternative sounds and applying them in our reading and writing.

Our Maths learning will initially focus on numbers where we will consolidate our understanding of addition (including our number bonds) and subtraction. We will also focus on multiplication and division later in the term which will support the remote learning the children completed in the Spring term. Should you wish to support your children at home, please make use of the mental Maths grid that is available in the Ask Away section on Google Classroom and incorporate the ideas when playing Maths games with your children at home. Should you require a paper copy of this please do let us know.

Our Science focus for the first half term will be on materials and their properties, we will investigate in more detail the floating and waterproof qualities of a variety of materials. We will then apply our Science learning to design and create a rescue boat in DT. After half term, our Science topic is plants and the children will be learning the names of parts of a plant, identifying different plants and flowers, as well as having the opportunity to grow seeds. In Art, we will explore the work of the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We will use a variety of media to create close observational drawings of plants before using watercolours for our final piece. In RE we will be learning about another world religion, Judaism and exploring key aspects of festivals observed in the Jewish faith.

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Thursdays. The children can come dressed in their PE kits, but please ensure they are wearing joggers and sweatshirts if the weather looks chilly as our sessions are first thing in the morning.

We will continue to send spellings and Maths home or a topic-based activity weekly. Spellings will be sent home on Tuesdays and other home learning on a Friday. As part of our commitment to be more environmentally friendly and minimise our paper use, we will upload all home learning, including spellings onto Google Classroom as far as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via DFContact@deansfield.compassps.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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