

Year 1 Deal Term 3 Newsletter

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and a restful break. I have enjoyed hearing all the children's news about their fun filled Christmas holidays 😊

We have got a fun term ahead exploring different materials, looking at different houses throughout history and creating our own stories for the three little pigs. We also have our class assembly later on in the term.

I'm looking forward to the term ahead and seeing what great work Deal class get up to!
Mrs Gosling and Mrs Parsons

Maths 123

As part of our maths learning we will focus on doubling and halving numbers. We will use repeated addition and begin division.

In our maths topic, we will be looking into 2D and 3D shapes. We will focus on naming them in different positions and sizes. Also learning their properties (faces, vertices and edges). We will use lots of construction to explore this!

We will continue counting and recognising numbers up to 100. We will be counting forwards and backwards from any given number focusing on numbers to 50 and identifying one more and less.

We will also continue with counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. There's lots of songs to sing along to on YouTube!

Topmarks

Practise your counting forwards and back using Top marks games!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

Play 'Helicopter Rescue', its lots of fun!

English!

We will be focusing on persuasive language. We will look at the text 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and discuss the point of view of the Big Bad Wolf. We will write a letter to the police to try and persuade them to let the Big Bad Wolf go.

Our focus text will be the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will look at character descriptions, retelling the story, changing characters and even alternative versions of the story!

Phonics

In phonics we will continue consolidating phase 4 and begin phase 5.

You can practise your child's phonics at home by going onto the phonics play website and playing the games on there.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Please continue to read with your child at home every day. Early reading during this time is so important, just reading once a day for a short amount of time will be very beneficial.

When using the internet at home, please encourage your child to use the safe search engine **Kiddle**.

www.kiddle.co/

This site is run by Google and has safe search functions built into it to help protect children.

Home Sweet Home

This term our main focus will be science, specifically exploring different materials. We will use their properties to describe them. Our learning lift-off will be a fun scavenger hunt looking for different types of materials. At our investigation station, children will have the opportunity to explore and describe a different material weekly.

We will look at houses throughout history and discuss how houses throughout the United Kingdom have changed over time. Have the materials used to build them changed?

We will also look at the United Kingdom in geography. We will begin to understand that there are four countries that make the United Kingdom and they each have a capital city.

In DT, we will make our own house for the three little pigs, using our knowledge of materials to create it. We will use the process of plan, make, evaluate. At the end we will see if the Big Bad Wolf can blow it down (Mrs Gosling's hairdryer!).

Reminders:

- PE kits for Monday. Ideally earrings should be left at home as we are not able to put tape on them or remove them for the children.
- Spellings are given out termly to practise at home.
- Daily reading recorded in planners and signed.
- Home learning is issued termly and can be handed in when completed.
- Correct uniform please, including shoes. Boots may be worn during the winter months. Any problems or concerns, please write a note in the student's home contact book.
- Please check the school calendar for upcoming events.
- Please label your children's clothes clearly.
- Please ensure children are not wearing nail varnish.

In PSHE...

We will focus on the question 'What helps us stay healthy?' We will explore our own personal hygiene and what to do if we feel unwell.

In Computing...

We will begin using the keyboard to type and use 2Publish on Purple Mash to create a piece of work.

In RE...

We will talk about some simple ideas about Muslim beliefs about God and recognise some objects used by Muslims. We will suggest why they are important to them.

In Music...

We will explore call and response songs and improvise simple chants.

Thank you for reading our newsletter 😊

If you need to contact me, please contact the office or put a note in your child's contact book. I will also be available after school at pick up time.