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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Dear Families,

Happy half term, and thank you to you all for your commitment and enthusiasm in creating such a positive start to the year for our children.

As we move into the break, below is a note from our Chair of Governors, Dr Triin Edovald, on the LGB's remit, purpose and scope here at Deer Park. Happy reading, and enjoy your break together.

Hello from your Local Governing Board

As we reach the first half-term break, we hope everyone gets a good rest. The children and staff have worked hard since September, and it's been lovely to see the year get off to such a busy start.

We thought this would be a good moment to say a little about who we are. The Local Governing Board (LGB) is a small group of volunteers: parents, staff and people from the local community. We all care about Deer Park and want every child here to do well.

Our job is to look at the bigger picture. We work with the Headteacher to agree the school's priorities for the year, and then we check how things are going. We ask questions, look at the evidence and visit the school to see the work for ourselves. We pay particular attention to keeping children safe, support for children with SEND, and making sure every child gets a broad and rich education.

Families' views matter to us. We hear them through the parent survey, and school leaders tell us about themes and patterns they're noticing. This helps us see the school through families' eyes. If you have a question or concern about your own child, then the best people to help are the staff who know them. Start with the class teacher, who can involve other members of the team if needed. You can also find the school's Complaints Policy here. The governing board looks at the overall strategy and performance of the school, rather than individual, operational or personal matters.

You can find out more about the LGB, including who we are, on the school website. If you'd like to know more about our work, or are interested in becoming a governor, I'd be glad to hear from you at govchair@deerparkschool.org.uk

Have a lovely half-term,

Triin Edovald
Chair of the Local Governing Board

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Sambar Class

Mrs Blaxland

Ms Philip

Mrs Lambelin

Miss Wilkinson

Mr Owen

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'The Little Red Hen' and finding out about how bread is made.
- As part of DT Week, we have made our own bread rolls.
- In Maths, we have been matching different amounts.
- We have been talking about what ingredients we need to make bread and have written our own shopping lists.
- We have continued our music sessions with Miss Mel and have been learning lots of new songs.

Our highlights:

The children have really enjoyed taking part in their first DT Week at Deer Park School. They loved tasting different types of bread such as crispbread, pitta bread and tortilla wraps. Tasting the bread rolls that they had made themselves was also a highlight!

In other news

We would like to wish all of the Reception families a lovely Half Term!

The next two weeks

We will be learning:
We will be reading the book 'Let's Celebrate' and finding out about different celebrations from around the world. In Maths, we will be learning about shapes.

Trips and events:
Monday 2nd of November - INSET Day

Upcoming Stars of the Week:
Alex and Theo

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Fawn Class

Miss Corrigan

Mrs Gordon

Miss Wilkinson

Miss Susie

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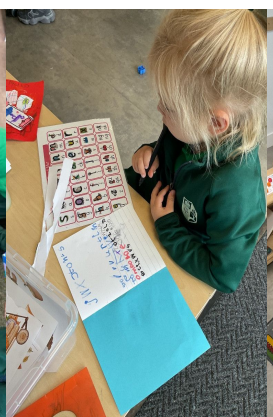

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Roe Class

Miss Bennett

Miss Charlotte

Our Learning

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Within Maths, the focus has been on fact families, they have been successfully demonstrating the relationship between addition and subtraction number sentences. Finally, in Art, the children have produced self-portraits, masterfully experimenting with warm and cool tones inspired by the style of Sonia Boyce.

Our highlights:
We loved DT day making our moving story book of the three little pigs.

In other news

Please continue to read and practice phonics over half term.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:
- **Subtraction**
- **Understanding how to classify animals**

Trips and events:
17.11.26- St Stephens Church trip
27.11.26- Science Seasonal walk
Upcoming Stars of the Week:

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Brocket Class

Ms Barbara

Mrs Drew

Miss Denisa

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Bea and Sloane

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Marsh Class

Miss Lauren

Miss House

Miss Charlotte

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In Art we have created and evaluated our Richmond Riverside class masterpiece inspired by Norman Foster and Stephen Wiltshire.

In History we put our trip to the station to the test and wrote up all the differences we noticed in and around the station since it was first opened in 1846. We compared the trains and features of the station itself to what we observed in the modern day.

We have worn red to show racism the red card, and dressed like trees to raise awareness of deforestation.

In other news

Now that the weather is getting colder (and wetter) please make sure your child has a clearly named coat in school for any drizzly playtimes.

Marsh have also selected the librarians for Autumn 2- Kobe and Grady. Well done you two!

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Efe and Chub-Hei

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Fallow Class

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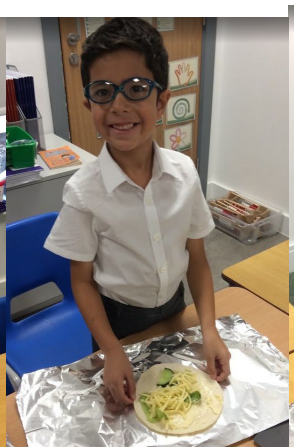

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Kashmir Class

Miss Lauren

Mr Lord

Miss Tejas

Our Learning

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- Prepositions (e.g., beneath the towering ferns, amongst the thick undergrowth) to show where things are.
- Expanded noun phrases (e.g., the gigantic, scaly Tyrannosaurus Rex) to add amazing detail.
- Similes (e.g The still forest is as silent as an untold secret) to compare something unfamiliar with something familiar.

In Maths, we've started tackling the column method for addition and subtraction. This method is a big step and the children have been focusing not only on getting the correct answer but also on presentation. Keeping the numbers neatly aligned in the correct columns is crucial for success and Year 3 has been working hard to make their work clear and accurate!

Our Science investigations this fortnight have turned us into soil detectives! We explored different types of soil (sandy, clay, chalky and loam) by observing their texture, color, and how well they hold water. We found out that loam soil (a mix of sand, silt, and clay) is generally the best for growing crops because it retains the right amount of water while still allowing air to reach the roots.

Our highlights:

The absolute highlight has to be our D&T Day! The children were tasked with creating their very own fruit crumbles. This project involved researching fruit fillings before designing and making the perfect seasonal crumble. The whole class did a brilliant job and the kitchen smelled wonderful! We are thrilled to report that the taste-testing was a resounding success - a perfect reward for a day of hard work!

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We will be learning:

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In Science, we are starting our new unit on light, shadow and reflection. Our exciting new topic in geography is volcanoes and earthquakes. The new artist we are studying in art is Picasso. On a Tuesday, the children will be enjoying rugby at Marble Hill park and a dance unit in PE. We will exploring our new RE topic on Christianity which will include a trip to Westminster Abbey. Westminster Abbey.

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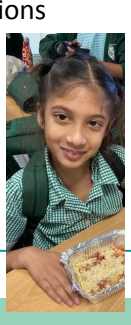
Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Archie and Indy



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Muntjac Class

Miss Thomas

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Adelaide and Freya

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Sika Class

Miss Melissa

Miss Skewes

Miss Staines

Miss Lauren

Mr Rory

Our Learning

What have we learned?

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In Maths, we learnt about the area of shapes and multiplication for threes, sixes and nines.

The last two weeks of Science have been on making switches and testing our knowledge with an end of unit assessment.

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We have drawn our own portraits of royalty in Art, focusing on shading with different techniques.

In PSHE, students have explored topics of mobile phones and healthy relationships.

Students have had time to explore on Adobe Express in Computing by creating a *Magibeasts* poster or book cover.

In French, students are able to have a conversation by asking and answering questions about themselves.

Our highlights:

On Thursday, Year 4 had our DT Day where we made torches using the knowledge from Science and how to build circuits.

In other news

Your child should bring their reading record to school every day.
Homework books should be brought in on Mondays to be checked.
Our library borrowing day is Friday and library books should be brought in on Friday to be returned.
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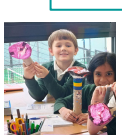
Min-Hao
Rudi



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Caribou Class

Mrs McMinn

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In Maths, we have been learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers.

In Art, we used a range of shading techniques to complete our own versions of the Mona Lisa. We learned about Lavoisier's discoveries about the respiratory system in Science and about Alexander the Great in History.

We also completed end-of unit assessments in History, Science, PSHE and French.

Our highlights:

The children really enjoyed shopping for Bolognese ingredients, chopping vegetables, designing their own packaging and tasting the final results.

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- Reading two new texts, 'The Journey' and 'Coming to England', in English
- Types of planets and the heliocentric model in Science
- Matisse in Art
- Christianity in RE
- Exchange rates and budgets in Finance

Trips and events:
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Miss Amber

Miss Tweedie

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Red Class

Miss Forshaw

Miss Bhatti

Our Learning

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In maths, we have started learning about fractions: we have found equivalent fractions and simplified them. We understood that you cannot simplify a fraction further if the numerator and denominator do not share a common factor, or when one of them is a prime number. Using this knowledge, we have been able to compare and order fractions.

In English, we wrote an informative report based on Sabina Radeva's retelling of 'On the Origin of Species'. We used parenthesis for clarification of information, colons for the big reveal and semicolons to join related clauses.

We completed our final piece in art, shading Michelangelo's Statue of David: we used a combinations of techniques (scrumbling, shading, blending, hatching) and mediums (charcoal, pencil and fineliner) to recreate Michelangelo's desired emotions.

The children have been so engaged with PSHE lessons this half term and questions have been in abundance! We learnt the difference between legal and illegal drugs, what we should do if we are approached by someone who makes us feel uncomfortable, and when and how to call emergency services.

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Please ensure your child brings a raincoat on Tuesdays for PE. No matter the weather, we will be heading to Marble Hill Park!

If you would like, you can provide your child with another pair of socks and shoes, as the park is often muddy.

The next two weeks

We will be:

- Reading Clockwork by Phillip Pullman
- Writing a setting description
- Learning about
- Saying in French what we do on the weekend
- Explain the difference between imports and exports, and explain how the UK trades with the rest of the world
- Identify currencies around the world and be able to explain what an exchange rate is and why they exist

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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Maya-Bella, Ramsay

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