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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It is hard to believe it has already been three weeks since the start of term. The days have flown by, and the enthusiastic diligence of our children has seemed to go from strength to strength as we move further into the term. Our pickup, drop-off and queueing processes have been refined and developed over this time, and I'd like to thank you all for your patience, thoughtfulness and positivity as work together to ensure that everyone stays safe. Over the coming few weeks, we have an interesting set of activities and experiences for the children – more on those below. Firstly though, I'd like to ask for contributions of expertise and ideas on the creation of our brand-new library in January. As anyone who has recently participated in a class zoom call will know, we take our reading very seriously at Deer Park; we are now looking for creative visions for the design of a truly exceptional and engaging library in our new school. Current suggestions include a fairy tale reading forest (complete with toadstool seats and hanging branches), and an underwater reading zone equipped with fish-tanks and bookshelves shaped as waves. Please do bring forward your designs, ideas, visions and creative sketches; it would be brilliant to incorporate them into this exciting new project.

Onto the upcoming month. It's 'Bike to School Week' next week, so please do fasten your helmets and check your brakes; we look forward to giving out certificates for children who cycle every day! Starting next week on Thursday, we'll be opening up a competitive project in celebration of Black History Month. We're combining our study of BHM with our exploration of female role models in science and inviting all children to make their own creative project celebrating Katherine Johnson, Mae Jemison, or Maggie Aderin-Pocock. We'll then be awarding prizes for effort and creativity in each key stage. On October 16th, we'll then be turning our eyes to ecology and the environment as we celebrate 'Just One Tree' day; a chance to donate to charity while wearing comfortable clothing. Finally, next week is 'Mini London Marathon' week; we'll be covering 2.6 miles by the end of the week in our PE sessions; any money the children raise will go to Make Some Noise; a UK organisation supporting charities to help the most vulnerable. You can find out more about these projects, opportunities and dates on the next page of the newsletter.

Finally, thank you to our PTA and to our Diversity Committee for their expertise and engagement this week, with excellent opening meetings to kick off the year. If you would like to join these groups or be more involved in school life, please don't hesitate to contact the office to find out more. In the meantime, remember to wrap up warm as the weather changes, be sure to read whenever you can, and enjoy a wonderful, restful weekend with your families and loved ones.

Alex Lee

Black History Month Projects

Beginning on October 1st, all children at Deer Park will have the opportunity to show their creative side, by engaging in a project competition. Focussing on Katherine Johnson, Mae Jemison or Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the children will be able to draw, research, present, video, create, sculpt or design a project that celebrates their achievements in the sciences.

Prizes are available for effort and creativity. Look out for project instructions sent home this week.



'Just One Tree' Day – October 16th

On October 16th, we'll be raising money to help the environment. Children are welcome to either wear their home clothes, or (for the adventurous) to dress up as a tree, plant or woodland creature. Donations will be gratefully accepted on the day!



Mini London Marathon

Raising money for 'Make Some Noise', we will be taking part in the Mini London Marathon over the coming week by trying to cover 2.6 miles by the end of the week in every class. If you would like to donate and support the children's efforts, a fundraising link will be sent out when it goes live at the beginning of next week.



	18.09.2020	25.09.2020
Fawn	Adetti	Gabriel
Sambar	Zachary	Sophia
Roe	Amber	Joely
Brocket	Elsa	Scarlett
Marsh	Marlene	Eddie
Muntjac	Liv	Rory
Sika	Lily	Scarlett
Elk	Nehir	James

Attendance



Introducing BAS (Be At School) Bear. BAS spends the week in the class who has the best attendance for the week. This week he was in **Muntjac** and next week he will be in **Brocket** class!

RECOMMENDED READS

For children:

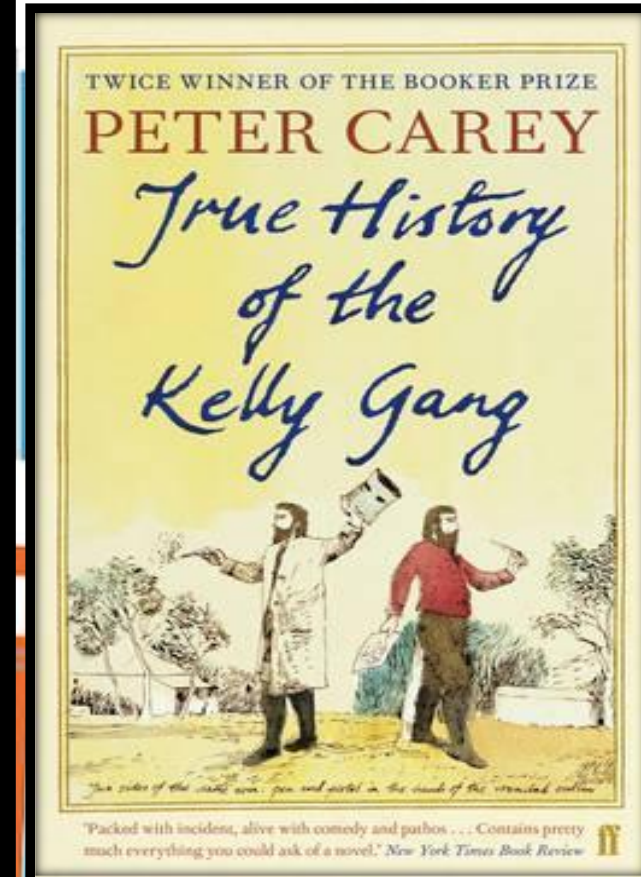
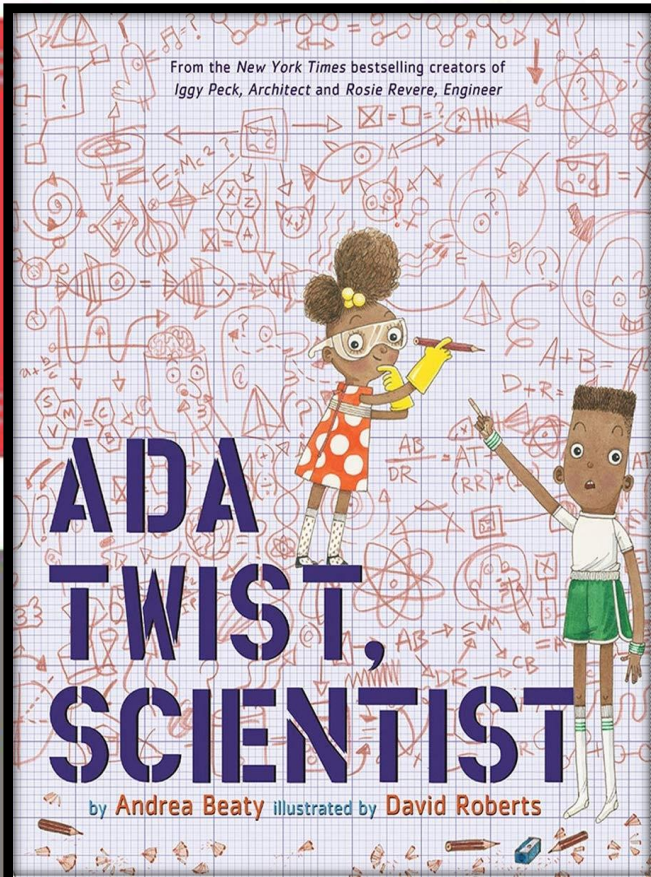
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For adults:

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SAMBAR CLASS FAWN CLASS

Fawn



Wow what a fantastic first full week at school. We have had lots of fun and we have been doing lots of wonderful learning. We have been looking at rhyming. "Chair and hair are rhyming words because they sound so similar" Teddy.

We had our first PE lesson and the children showed us some fantastic movements. We pretended to be different animals moving around the space.

We have been doing lots of exploring in the inside and outside classroom. We have been learning all about what makes us unique and how are families are all different.

This week Fawn Class have been very enthusiastic in exploring different sounds in their learning. We investigated what sounds we can make with our bodies, sounds that animals make and the different sounds that we can hear in our surroundings. We have continued working on our fine motor and gross motor skills with different activities such as: jumping on one leg, balancing, picking up beans with tweezers and making necklaces with pasta.

We also discussed our families and what makes us special. Rosie said that she is special because she helped raise money for an animal charity and Roscoe said that he is good at helping his friends when they are hurt.

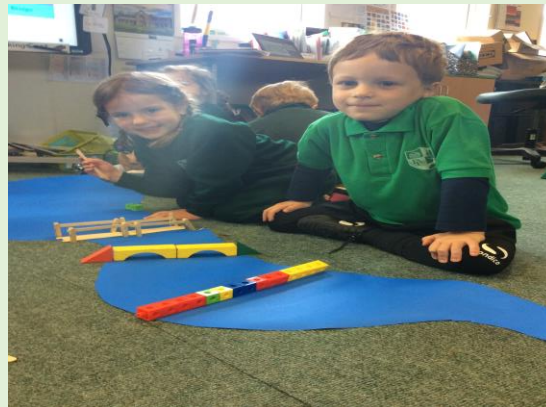


ROE CLASS

BROCKET CLASS

Roe

We have had a fantastic week in Roe class. The class have been very busy learning all about The Jolly Postman. The class have used fantastic vocabulary to describe the Jolly Postman. They decided he might be a bit lonely because he was not receiving any post and asked to make cards to help cheer him up. This week the class have learnt about hot and cold colours in art, done some leaf rubbings at the creative table and in PSHE we talked all about people who help us.



Brocket

Thank you to Brocket class for another week filled with enthusiasm.

We have been continuing with The Jolly Postman and looking closely at the different characters. As well as undertaking assessments, we have analysed materials in science, expanding our vocabulary relating to their properties. In art we have looked at hot and cold colours, creating colour wheels and collages, and producing self-portraits. In PSHE we discussed people who help us. We have been busy!



MARSH CLASS

MUNTJAC CLASS

Muntjac

I'm so proud of the attitude all the children have had regarding assessments this week. We have discussed a **growth mindset vs a fixed mindset**: if we don't know something, we don't know it.. Yet!

In **geography** we are learning about maps. In **RE** we have written class prayers/thankfulness poems. In **English** we are enjoying the Ice Palace by Robert Swindells.



Marsh

Another fantastic week by Year 2. We have continued our learning about our local area and discussing the key features of Richmond.

The children drew a route we could follow on a map and on Wednesday we put the route to the test! The children were amazing at checking the road names and identifying the key features we saw on our walk.





Scarlett with her amazing shading work on Miss Oppenheimer's wall!

SIKA CLASS ELK CLASS

Week 3!



What a week!

This week in Sika class the children have continued to show their enthusiasm for learning and really worked hard across the curriculum.

Some of our learning this week consisted of looking at friendships and their value in PSHE, learning the skills needed to play Tag Rugby and continuing to find any opportunity to nurture our love of reading! The children have shown fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and achievement in their assessments this week and – believe it or not – really enjoyed the opportunity to see how they have progressed despite all the disruption last academic year. Well done Sika class!

Elk Class have had a brilliant week and worked very hard. Every day was packed. Fascinating science with Mrs Bracegirdle where they calculated distances to the Sun. In English, the writing has blown Miss Coward away. The progress they have been over the last year is wonderful to see. What was particularly fabulous was the response of the class when some were read out. They were enthusiastic and respectful. Our journey through rock and heavy metal songs is quite fascinating and the children as learning a lot about the genre of music and what the features of it are. Livin on a Prayer is proving popular. We just need to work on not shouting the chorus!

