



# Deer Park School

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*Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,*

Dear Families,

It's been quite the half term. A bevy of trips, experiences and workshops ran alongside the summer term raft of SATs assessments, sporting events, musical soirees and more. The beginning of the term in mid-April now seems a distant memory as we approach our final half term of the year. Year 5 and 6 are now on the brink of their expeditions to Wales and France respectively, and we look forward to two excellent weeks of new experiences and the broadening of horizons. I'm also glad to say we've reached a new highwater mark for extra-curricular activities this term, with 42 different clubs running before and after school, and 72% of our children attending at least one enriching experience each week. We look forward to continuing to develop this provision next term and in the coming academic year.

A *huge* thank you to our PTA team and families, who made last week's music evening such a success. The performers were just fantastic, and a reminder of how lucky we are to have such talent to share within our community. The hall itself was transformed for the event, the attendees were on excellent (and glamorous) form, and – perhaps most importantly- the evening was really, genuinely, fun. Thank you all, and especially to Naomi, Bejou, Val and Mel for coordinating the effort; we can't wait for the next one.

In sporting news, our cross-country team headed out on Wednesday to compete in a series of 2.5km races around the iconic vista of Richmond Park. They finished a valiant second place overall, and congratulations to Ayse and Buster for coming home draped in silver medals for their individual races. On the same day, the KS2 hockey team participated in a local tournament and managed to remain undefeated throughout, winning one and drawing two.

For our recommend reads this week, our youngest readers may enjoy a magically mysterious tale in the form of 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. It's a classic children's tale of adventure, and a real standout among Browne's work. For our KS2 readers, 'Darkmouth' by Shane Hegarty is a comedic yet gripping read, with some powerful writing in a modern setting. Finally, for the adults among us, 'Monkey King' by Wu Cheng'En. If you've not heard of the Journey to the West, the Monkey King and his rise (and fall, and rise again), then I highly, *highly* recommend getting stuck into this medieval epic. It's really something.

Have a wonderful weekend together, and don't forget to read.

Yours as ever,

Alex Lee



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# Recommended READS

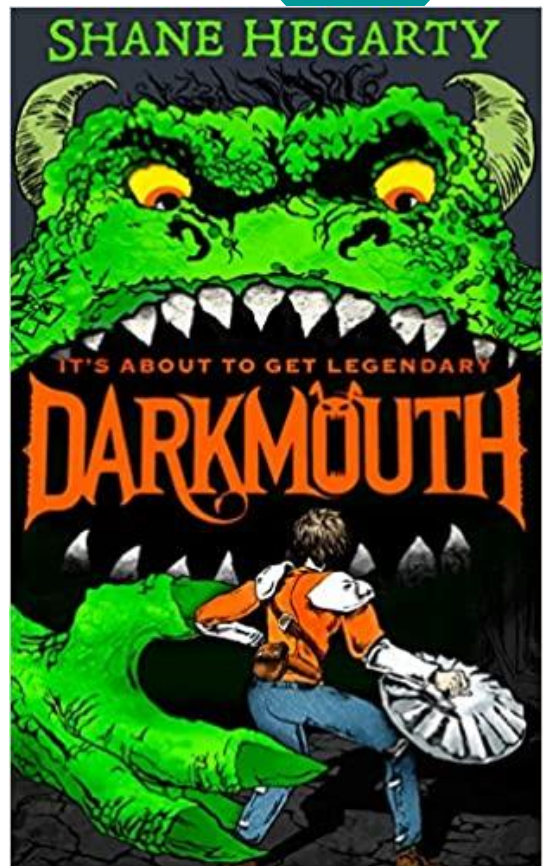
*For Children*

KS1



**The Tunnel**  
Anthony Browne

KS2



*For Adults*



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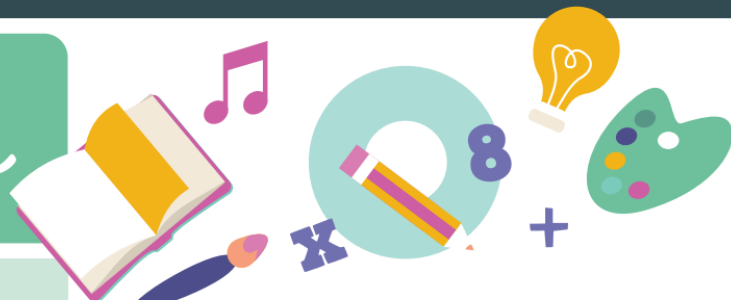
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# Class Updates



## Sambar Class



Miss Levene



Miss Philip



Miss McCarty

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'There's a Tiger in the Garden'.
- We explored why plants are so important and used the internet to find out more information.
- We used colouring pencils to create different effects whilst drawing plants and flowers.
- We learnt how to draw aerial view maps of our local area.
- We created 'first, then, now' stories using teen numbers in Maths.
- We made up our own dance routines to music.

Our highlights:

- Sambar class loved dressing up for our Cultural Day, and we loved seeing their outfits!
- The warmer weather has meant more time outside and the children have loved using water for a variety of purposes in the outdoor classroom.
- Making up dance routines was a lot of fun and the performances were very entertaining!

### In other news

*We would be really grateful for any junk modelling donations for our recycling project after Half Term.*

*Please ensure that your child has their water bottle every day.*

*Library books are changed every Thursday.*

### The next two weeks

We will be looking at non-fiction books and learning about recycling and how we can help to protect our planet. In Maths, we will be learning all about doubling.

Upcoming Star of the Week:  
Maisie



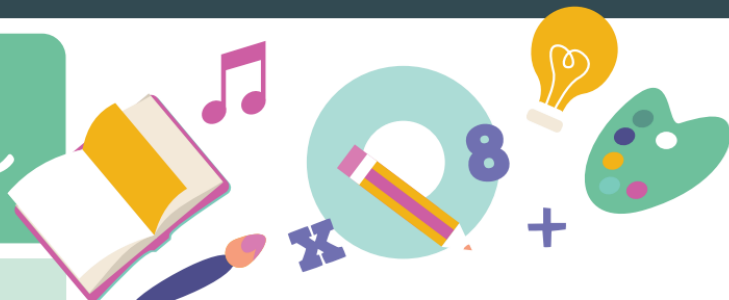
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# Class Updates



## FawnClass



Mrs. Zanini



Mrs.  
Gordon



Mrs. Bebe

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'There's a Tiger in the Garden'.
- We used colouring pencils to create different effects whilst drawing plants and flowers.
- We created 'first, then, now' stories to demonstrate our understanding of quantities in Maths.
- We made up our own dance routines to music.

#### Our highlights:

- Fawn Class were fascinated by how we find the answers to our questions and how we actually form the questions. The prompt was 'plants'. Interesting questions were asked, such as "How long does it take for a plant to grow?" "Why does a single seed sprout so many roots?" "What does a plant need to live?" "Why do some plants die quickly?" We looked up the answers on Google. However, we also discovered that answers can be found in books.
- Learning about maps. They enjoyed looking at where our school is located on Google Earth and seeing our local area. The children discussed different kinds of maps, such as road maps, jungle maps, zoo maps, weather maps, treasure maps, world, country and city maps. Their final task was to draw a map showing how they get to school.

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#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Krystyna and Rafaella



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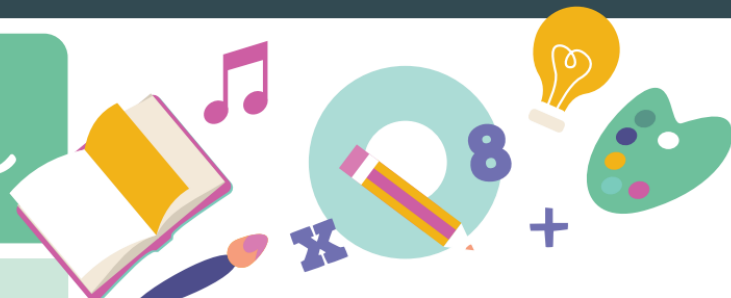


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# Class Updates



## RoeClass



Miss Copeland



Mrs. Amber

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- In English, we have written a letter and a fact file all about the seasons.
- In Maths, the children found a half and a quarter of a number. They also described positions and turns.
- In RE, the children learnt about different Buddhist celebrations.
- In Music, the children learnt the song 'Your Imagination' and used glockenspiels to carry out a rhythm.
- In History, we looked at different sources that showed evidence of the Wright Brothers first flight.
- In Science, the children showed what happens within each season. They then looked closely at our current season, Spring.

Our highlights:

- We celebrated World Culture Day. The children wore wonderful clothing to showcase their culture.
- We went on a Spring walk to find evidence of Spring.

### In other news

Please continue to read with your child over the half term.

We will be carrying out phonics assessments the first week back after half term. If you wish, you can practise real and nonsense words on phonics play. We have written sounds in your reading records that you need to practise at home. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resource5>

Library books will now be changed on **Thursdays**.

### The next two weeks

We will be learning:

In English, the children will be writing their own leaflet.

In Maths, the children will be revisiting place value. Now we will be looking at numbers to 100. They will partition, compare and order different numbers within 100.

Trips and events:

- KS2 Movie Night June 30th

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

We have finished our Stars of the Weeks!



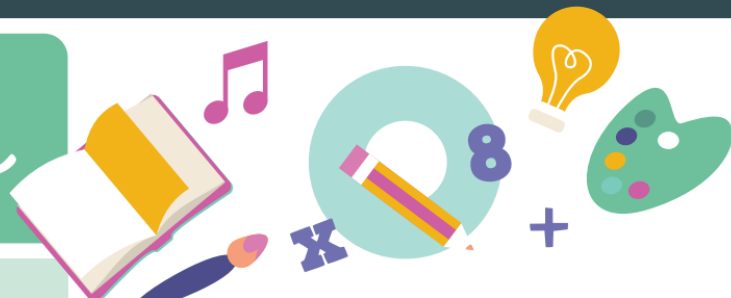
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# Class Updates



## Brocket Class



Mrs. Bailly



Miss Drew

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Trips and events:

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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Week 1: Teddy; Week 2: Zachary



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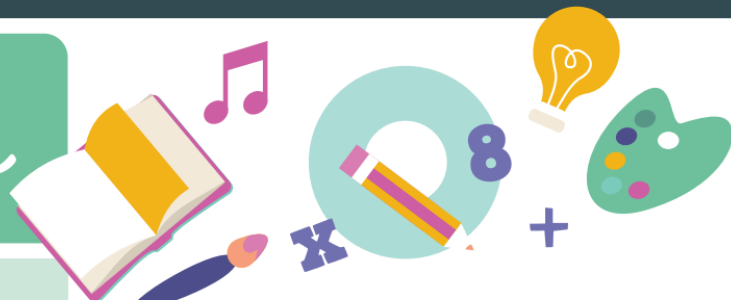


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# Class Updates



## Marsh Class



Miss Bennett



Mrs. Kisby



Mr David

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- The journey Florence Nightingale made from Hampshire to Turkey and the impact she made whilst being there.
- Measuring the mass of objects using scales in grams.
- Using a variety of jumps to travel across the group or piece of equipment in gymnastics'.

Our highlights:

I have been extremely proud of all the children in Marsh class. Their resilience, hard work and positive attitude towards all their learning has been outstanding. They truly have represented all the HEART values and beyond this half term. A much-deserved sunny break and ice cream is in order.

### In other news

Over half term, please can your child write/draw an animal story as part of their finance enterprise project. The story should not be any longer than 1 piece of A4. Everyone will receive a wallet with some resources on Friday to help complete their writing.

Please remember children are **not** allowed to wear earrings for PE lessons. Please ensure your child has them removed for Monday's PE day.

### The next two weeks

We will be learning:

Capacity measuring in ml and l

Electricity circuits in science

Trips and events:

- KS2 Movie Night June 30th



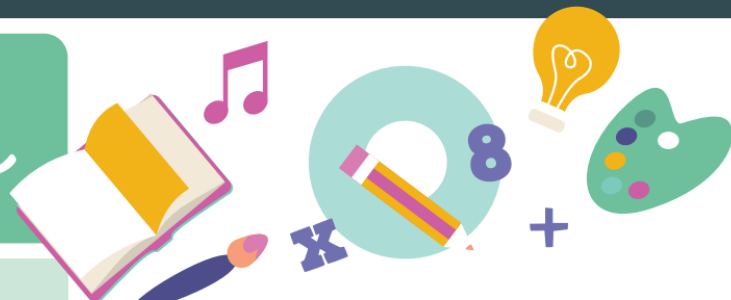
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# Class Updates



## Fallow Class



Miss Conway



Miss Nadina



Mrs. Wilson

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- Created our own chapter inspired by the sequence of events in the story's class text 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson.
- In PE, we have been practising hitting and striking a ball using a variety of equipment or hands to a targeted area.
- In RE, we have been finding out about the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi; the festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community.

Our highlights:

Ms. Edwards and I have been truly blown away by Fallow class' overall attitude to their learning this summer term. They adopted such a conscientious approach to their SATs assessments; all trying their very hardest throughout. All of Fallow class have been attempting to be thoughtful friends, each making an effort to treat each other with kindness. We are getting better every day with saying something nice to another person.

Enjoy a very much well - deserved break hopefully in the sunshine!

### In other news

*Over half term, please make a card with your child for them to sell at the card factory shop as a part of their finance enterprise project. Everyone will receive a plastic wallet with some resources inside to help make the card at home. We will put inside a label of what occasion card they should make. Feel free to do more than one though!*

### The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- Identifying seasonal weather patterns in the UK and comparing to other places in the world.
- Distinguishing features of a non – chronological report.
- Athletics and gymnastics in PE.

Trips and events:

- KS2 Movie Night June 30th
- Fallow card factory shop *When:* Wednesday June 8th 3:00pm – 4:00pm 2022 *Where:* Art Studio

### Photos



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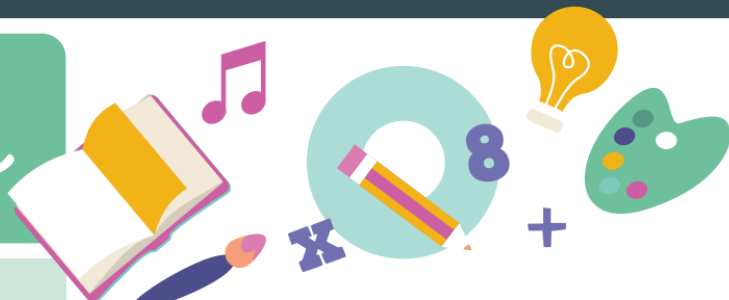


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# Class Updates



## Muntjac Class



Miss McMartin



Mr. Luke



Mrs. Barbara

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

- What Britain was like before the Roman invasion
- What advances were made during Roman Britain and the impact that they had
- How to tell the time to the nearest minute and how to use a 24 hour clock
- Months of the year and how many days are in each month
- Inferring meaning through illustrations
- Use hatching and cross hatching to create tone and texture

#### Our highlights:

It would be impossible not to mention how fantastic the children were at hosting their charity book sale. I was so impressed by their ability to work as a team to put the event together and how keen they all were to stay late to help out. Thank you to the parents who helped at the event and to those who collected books together for us. The children made a grand total of £312.55 for Ukraine Crisis Appeal!

We have continued to monitor our bean in a bag science experiment (I know lots of you are doing this at home too which is fab!). The beans have grown rapidly and many are now out of the top of the bags. We now know that some plants do not need soil in order to grow.

### In other news

Please encourage the children to read their library books and Accelerated Reader books so that they can take a quiz on them at school. We change our books on a Thursday each week.

Please practise telling the time at home, specifically using the 24 hour clock.

### The next two weeks

#### We will be learning:

- A Midsummers Nights Dream
- About our local area – East Twickenham (specifically map work)
- Evolution and inheritance

#### Trips and events:

- PTA Sponsored Walk 29th June
- KS2 Movie Night June 30th

Upcoming Stars of the Week:



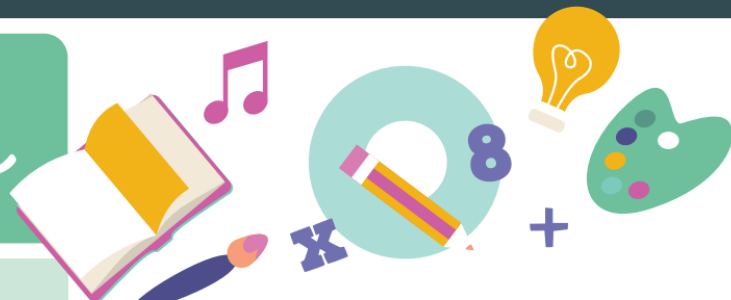
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# Class Updates



## SikaClass



Mrs. Ridley



Mrs. Bebe

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- Finished our biographies of Elizabeth Cotten, famous folk singer
- Time and clocks in analogue and 12- and 24-hour digital formats

Our highlights:

- The Arts and Crafts Sale for our finance enterprise unit was a grand success! Thank you for supporting our business and the RSPCA!
- Everyone dressed up for World Cultural Day and it was fantastic to see so many people showing cultural pride in our school and classroom.

### In other news

*Please bring in plastic soda pop or water bottles for our DT project! We will use them as the main bodies of our homemade torches. They must be washed. Don't forget to read over break!*

### The next two weeks

When we come back from break, we will be starting new units about Midsummer Night's Dream, statistics, and many more!

Trips and events:

- KS2 Movie Night June 30th



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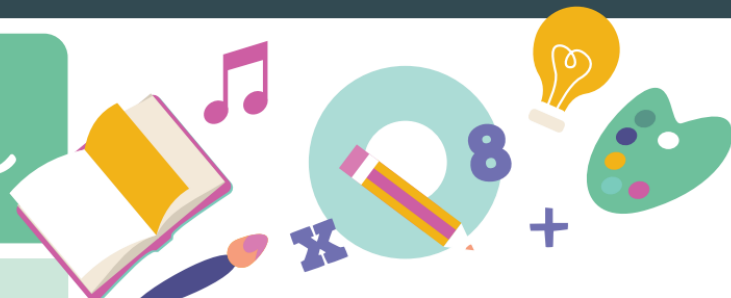
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# Class Updates



## Elk Class



Miss Haddock



Miss Mandy



Miss Susie

### Our Learning

What have we learned?

- Angles on a straight line, angles at a point, 3D shapes.
- Identifying features of an epilogue; using similes and adjectives to describe a setting.
- Sir Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion.
- What happened to the Indus Valley Civilisation – three theories.

Our highlights:

We were fortunate to have two parents come in and discuss their businesses with our class, which aligns with our enterprising unit in Finance. Many of the Elk Class students have felt so inspired that they have started their own businesses!

In Week 5, we had a STEM day where we learnt to design and implement rockets. It was a fantastic and exciting day which heightened our enjoyment of Science and Engineering.

### In other news

*Please make sure you take the time to go through your child's bag for the Wales Trip.*

*Thank you so much for your efforts over the Summer Term thus far. Looking forward to all the wonderful learning and events moving forward.*

### The next two weeks

Trips and events:

- Wales Trip Monday 6th June
- Maths Tutor Groups Thursday's
- Swimming Wednesday's
- KS2 Movie Night June 30th
- Assessment week Monday 13th June



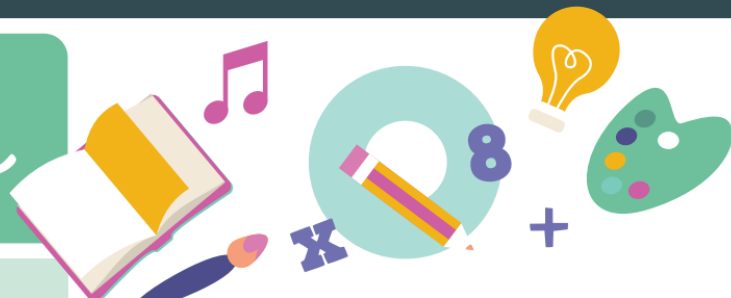
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# Class Updates



## RedClass



Miss Williams



Mrs Hazell

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

Reading the Shakespearean tragedy of Macbeth, we have become detectives in determining who is to blame for the murder of King Duncan. In maths, we have been applying our knowledge of number to a plethora of problems including relating algebra to coordinates and working out probabilities.

#### Our highlights:

Last week, we took part in a STEM workshop, exploring rockets and how to design a safe car. We were also excited this week to read through the script for our end-of-year performance, and audition before finding out which parts we would be playing. Finally, a big well done to all our Year 6 students who took part in the cross country and hockey competitions this week – you represented the school fantastically and did us all proud.



### In other news

*Please make a bit effort to learn your performance lines over half term.*

*Have a think about costume ideas over the half term. If parents can help with costume or set design please let Ms. Williams know. The more the merrier when it comes to putting on a performance!*

### The next two weeks

Enjoy a well-earned rest next week over half term. You have all worked extremely hard this term and the next will be a fun (but very busy) one!

#### Trips and events:

- 13/06 - Week trip to Normandy
- 22/06 - Literature Festival
- 23/06 - Orange Tree Theatre workshop
- 24/06 - Vineyard Sports day
- 29/06 - Sponsored Walk
- 30/06 - KS2 Movie Night



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