



Deer Park School

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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Dear Families,

There is much to share and celebrate this week. The first week of Ramadan is nearly over, and we wish all our families taking part a Ramadan Mubarak for the coming weeks until Eid. The Deer Park class of 2028 gained its first sign-up last weekend, with a beautiful wee boy named Remi Levene born in the early hours of Saturday morning. Ms Levene, you'll be glad to hear, is happy and healthy too. Early reports are that young Remi is both sleeping and eating well, with an admirable head of hair. We all look forward to meeting him in the coming weeks. In sporting news, hearty congratulations to Sophia K of Year 3 for her silver medal in the WUKF British Karate Open last weekend. An astonishing achievement, and testament to the power of her commitment week on week, year on year. We wish her all possible luck for the World Championships later this month. More localised competition saw a hockey side from upper KS2 venture out to the hostile tundra of New Malden today, and at time of writing are engaged in the second half of a day-long tournament. Yesterday, two debating teams from Year 5 went to Park Walk School in Chelsea, to compete against 12 other schools, and finished second *and* third overall after five debates on challenging topics. And of course, today was 'Dress Like a Scientist-or-Scientific-Concept Day': brought to you by Deer Park's Shogun of Scientific Enquiry, Ms Bennett. Of particular intrigue and enjoyment today were the conceptual costumes, including both children and staff dressed variously as molecules, telescopes, and – memorably – string theory.

In recommended reads this week, we begin with our adults and a book that's been adapted into a rather good TV series. 'Slow Horses', by Mick Herron, is about rubbish spies. More specifically, spies whose indiscretions and gaffs cause them to be assigned to a tedious backwater of security service work, where nothing happens and everyone hopes they quit. Predictably, this status quo does not last. The TV series is that rare adaptation which is actually as good as the book, but it does have Gary Oldman in it which obviously is an unfair advantage.

For our youngest children, 'Little Dinosaurs, Big Feelings' is the book of the day. With not one but *three* authors, (Swapna Haddow & Dr Diplo and Yiting Lee) this collection of small stories follows cretaceous critters navigating complex emotions and pursuing active mindfulness. It's lovely and warm and gentle, and good for helping the youngest amongst us to put names to their feelings.

Finally, for the upper school, a well-informed portrayal of neurodiversity and 'busy brains' in 'Reggie Houser has the Power' by Helen Rutter. Reggie is immensely likeable, and his journey to use his new found hypnotic abilities for good (while also being determined to fall on the right side of school rules) is both funny and enjoyably written.

Have a wonderful weekend, and do remember to read.

Yours as ever,

Alex Lee



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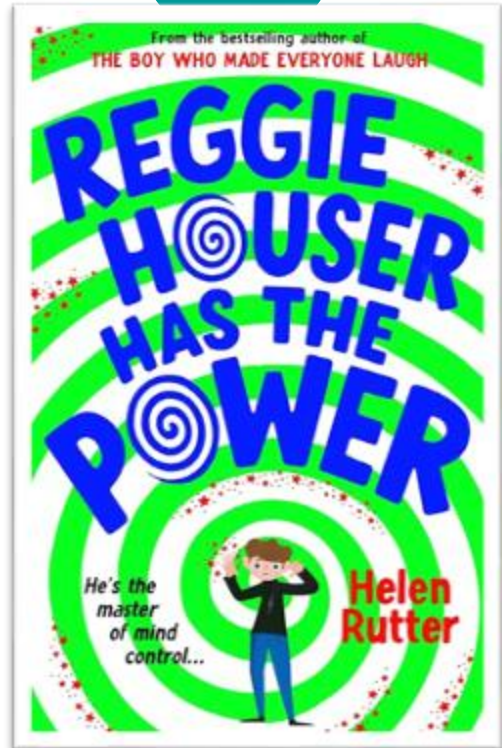
Recommended READS

For Children

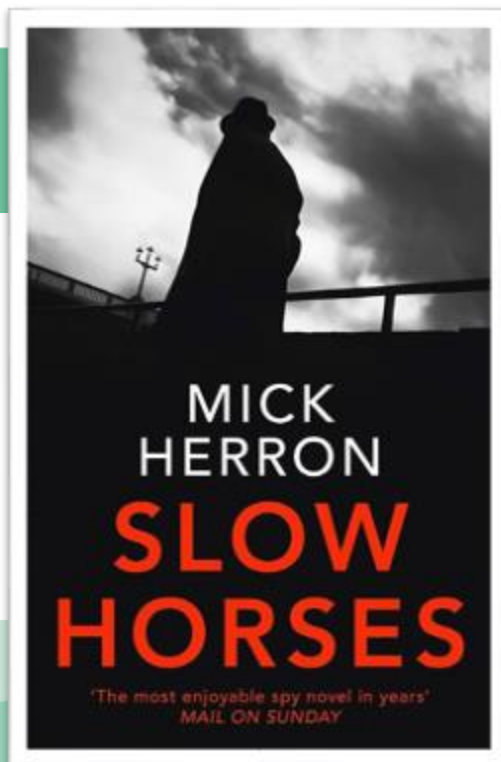
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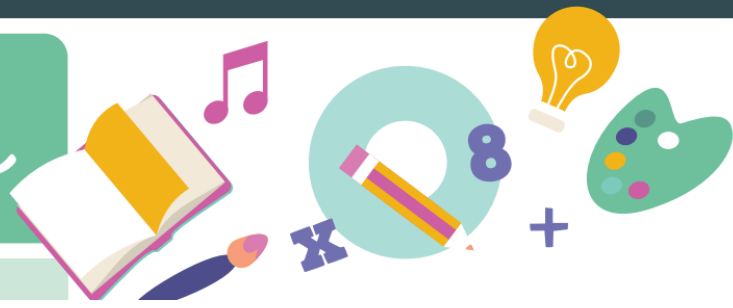
For Adults



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Class Updates



Sambar Class



Mrs Blaxland



Ms Philip



Miss Wilkinson



Mrs Lambelin

Our Learning

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- We have been reading the book 'The Three Little Pigs' and thinking about different adjectives to describe the 'Three Little Pigs' and 'The Big Bad Wolf'.
- In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- We have been thinking about kindness and how we can be a considerate and helpful talk partner during our carpet sessions.
- As part of our Drama activity, we have used masks representing the different characters from our story and have asked each other questions in character.

Our highlights:

- We all had a fantastic World Book Day, with an author visit, a Library visit and lots of talk about books!
- As part of Science Week, we enjoyed an interactive workshop about 'time'.
- One of our main highlights this week was definitely meeting the ducklings currently residing in Marsh class!

In other news

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Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform for the class photos on Thursday 21st of March.

The next two weeks

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Trips and events:

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Family Consultations – 19th and 20th of March

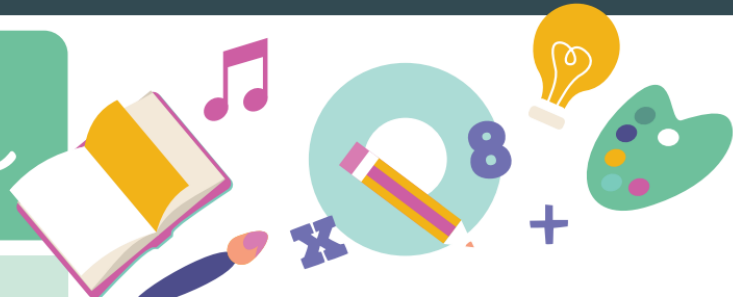
Class photos – 21st of March

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Daniel and Sia



Class Updates



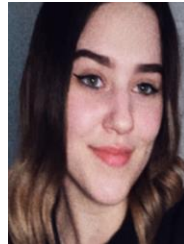
FawnClass



Miss MacGregor



Mrs Gordon



Miss Cain



Miss Sarah

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Finn and Pearl



Class Updates



RoeClass



Miss Copeland



Mrs. Amber

Our Learning

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Class photos – 21st of March

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Charlie and Nina



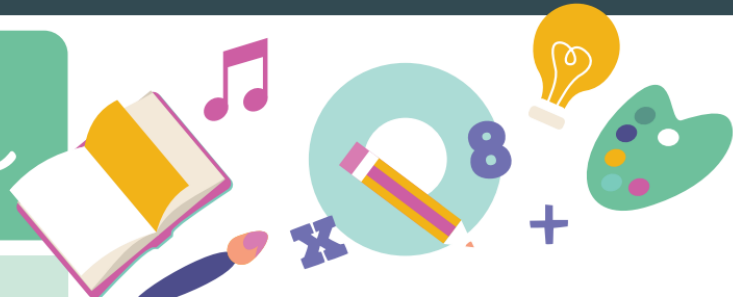
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Brocket Class



Miss Bennett



Miss Cat

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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Rico, Clara



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Class Updates



Marsh Class



Miss Webster



Mr Lloyd



Miss Susie



Miss Tejas



Ms Melissa

Our Learning

This week we have been writing our own descriptions about the wizard from our story 'The Dragon Snatcher'. In Maths we have started to look at division, using it to solve word and number problems. For art we have been looking at the work of Dan Mather, where we have been creating our own print work using repeating patterns.

Our highlights:

Since our last newsletter it has been all systems go, with several exciting events taking place at school. We had the excitement of world book day where there were plenty of magnificent costumes on display. We've had our ducklings in class as well, they hatched the day they arrived, so the children have had almost two full weeks getting to know them!

In other news

Please remember to try to choose a book with your child that they would like to recommend and share with others for our class library.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

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Trips and events:

- 19th and 20th March – Parent consultations
- 21st March – Class photos
- 21st March – Mark Robertson Dragon Snatcher Workshop
- 22nd March – Geography Field Trip

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Anya and Freya



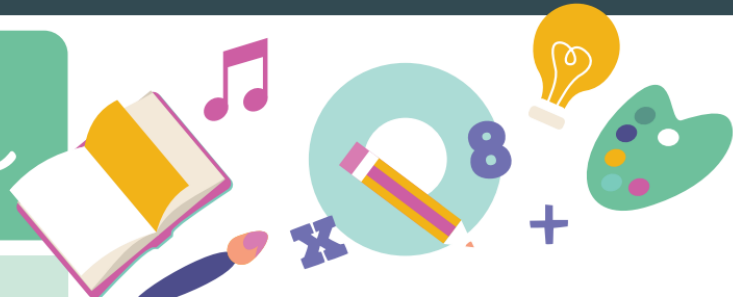
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Class Updates



Fallow Class



Miss Brandvik



Mrs Kisby

Our Learning

What have we learned:

In English we have started writing a character description to describe the cold-hearted wizard from The Dragon Snatcher. Having finished our unit on multiplication, we have moved onto learning about division in Maths, and in Geography we have been exploring Sri Lanka, comparing its physical features and commercial exports to those of the UK.

Our highlights:

It's been a very busy few weeks since the last newsletter with lots of exciting highlights. World Book Day saw lots of creative costumes and encouraged us to start recommending our favourite books. Our duck eggs hatched the day they arrived, we have really enjoyed interacting with the ducklings and observing how quickly they have grown! During Science week we have been adding to our duckling diaries, charting their progress and had lots of fun at the Science Workshop marvelling at forces and gravity in several exciting experiments.

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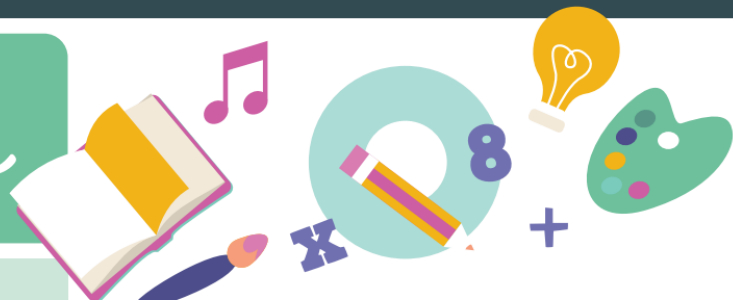
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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Robert and Amelia



Class Updates



Muntjac Class



Miss Forshaw



Miss Tejas

Our Learning

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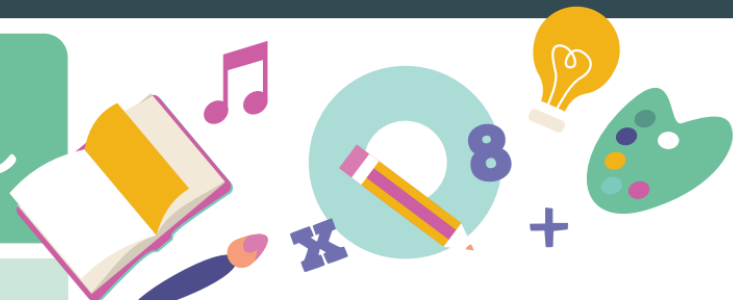
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- Family consultations – Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March
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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

- Poppy
- Amrutha



Class Updates



Kashmir Class



Miss Cutter



Ms Barbara

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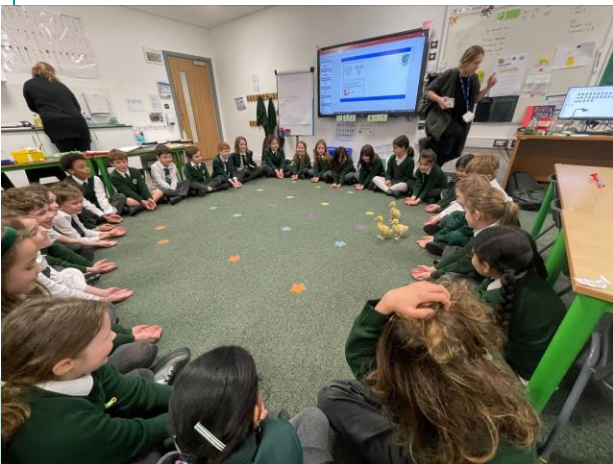
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Class photos – Thursday 21st March

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Rosie

Zachary



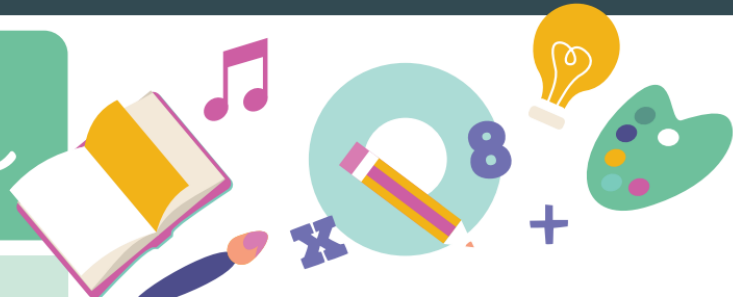
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Class Updates



SikaClass



Miss Cowing



Miss Lauren



Miss Mandy

Our Learning

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The next two weeks

We will be learning:

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- Use metaphors and personification
- Investigate how evaporation works
- Compare the River Thames to another river

Trips and events:

19/3 - 20/3 - Parent Meetings
28/3 - Last day of term

Upcoming stars of the week:

Week 5 – Bea



Class Updates



Taruca Class



Mrs. Baily



Mrs. Wilson



Mrs. Bhatti



Ms. Melissa

Our Learning

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Week 5 – Sofia



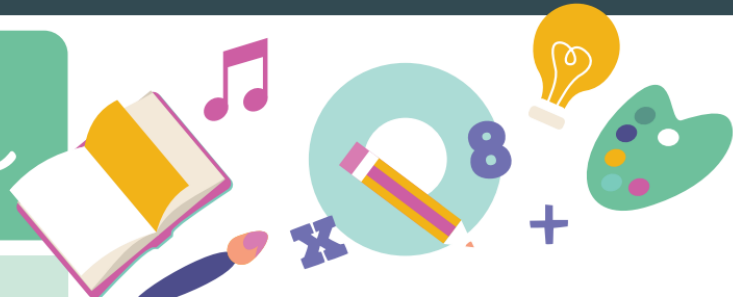
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Class Updates



Elk Class



Miss Thomas



Miss Naz



Miss Bhatti



Mrs Hazell

Our Learning

What have we learned?

Wow, what a busy two weeks it has been! Everyone has tried their best with our recent assessments, showing all their hard work.

In maths, we have moved on to learning about perimeter and area. In English, the standard of writing in our final diary entries based on 'Hacker' has been most impressive!

We have enjoyed learning all about Islam and are very much looking forward to our upcoming trip to The London Central Mosque.

Our highlights:

World Book Day was a definite highlight—everyone looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes! It was wonderful to hear the children talk so enthusiastically about books and share their recommendations during 'Book Talk'. Ms Kisby ran the annual 'Masked Reader' event and we had a talk from author Lucy Noguera.

The theme for British Science Week this year has been 'time'. As part of this, we joined a live webinar where a scientist talked all about planet Earth over time. It was particularly exciting to have a 'shout out' and to have some of our questions answered! We also had an action-packed, dynamic workshop in our STEAM room with Professor Bubble. This really had the wow factor! As a class, we also investigated how the size of a parachute affects its drop time.

We are also very proud of the two debating teams from Elk Class that represented DPS so well in a competition this week, achieving 2nd and 3rd place.

In other news

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Please continue to encourage your children to read and complete AR quizzes in school.

Thank you for your continued support, particularly with the recent costume preparation!

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- Suspense narrative
- Printing onto textiles
- Statistics – graphs, tables and timetables
- Comparing land-use in California and Richmond

Trips and events:

- 19/03 & 20/03 - Family Consultations
- 21/03 - Whole school photos/ Geography field trip
- 26/03 - The London Central Mosque trip
- 28/03 - Last day of term
- 24/04 - Evening Open Classroom

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Ayona and Lea



Class Updates



RedClass



Miss Williams

Our Learning

What have we learned?

Over the last few weeks we have been learning in Science about how the ear works, and how both pitch and amplitude of a sound can be changed. In Finance, we have been learning about the different payment methods we can use, and why debit cards are safer, more reliable, and the class were very interested when talking about interest rates on savings. In RE, Year 6 have continued to learn about different religions beliefs on death and afterlife, and are finding this topic particularly interesting.

Our highlights:

World Book Day was a highlight for us, and we really enjoyed the author workshop and, of course, the 'Masked reader' assembly run by Ms Kisby. It was a great day and everyone shared their favourite books.

Another highlight has been Science Week this week. The science workshop we had on Tuesday this week was very engaging, and all about the key theme this year – Time. We looked at how time can be slowed down, and also how our perception of time can change depending on what we are doing. The week was of course finished off with dressing up as a scientist, which was approached with as much enthusiasm as World Book Day.

In other news

Please remember to sign up for family consultations next week.

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The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- How taxes are spent by the government and council
- The impact of the Doppler Effect
- How to calculate the volume of 3D shapes
- How to calculate the mean/average

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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Charlotte and Amber

