



Year 2 Summer Term News



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. Here is an overview of what we will be covering this term.

Literacy: We will be using the book 'Falling Angels' by Colin Thompson to inspire our literacy work during the first two weeks of the half term. We will be paying a visit to the **National Maritime Museum** on **Friday 22nd April** in order to participate in a pirate workshop that will feed into the topic work for the beginning of term. We will also be visiting the **Natural History Museum** on the **4th May** (2T) and the **19th May** (2A) as part of a 'take one dinosaur' project with a focus on Mary Anning.

After half term we will link our literacy work to our **Seaside** topic and use stories, poems and songs related to the sea and coastal areas. The **Seaside** will also provide the basis for our Geography and History work. Children will enjoy a seaside experience with the other children in their year. There may be an opportunity for some parents to join us on this visit – we will be in touch nearer the time.

We will also be visiting the **Unicorn Theatre** to watch a production of **Septimus Bean and his amazing machine** on **Thursday 9th June** (2T) and **Tuesday 21st June** (2A).

If you have paid your contribution towards the cost of Summer term trips, we thank you. With such an exciting (but expensive) programme we need your financial support and literally every penny counts! If you have yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. The summer term payment is £13 and cheques should be made out to Deansfield Primary School. Annual payment is £39.

Maths: We will be continuing to work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; their relationship and using inverse operations to solve problems. We will also be working on measuring and data handling. We will include lots of related problem solving and setting the work to real-life contexts. Learning times tables at home will help your child make quick calculations at school when applying knowledge. Please help your child learn their x2, x3, x4 x5, x10 tables as a minimum.

This half term our **Science focus** is investigating and fair testing, linked to our work on boats and pirates. Our focus next half term is healthy eating and our bodies. In the first half-term our history topic will be Florence Nightingale and Mary Anning.

History: On **Tuesday 17th May** we will have a visit by the **Freshwater Theatre Company** bringing our topic of 'Florence Nightingale to life'.

Art: We will be undertaking close observational drawing, printing, painting and using clay and other materials. This will be linked to our topics.

RE: Our focus this term is 'The Church'.

PE: We hope to do much of our PE outside this term so please make sure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school with either plimsolls or trainers. Occasionally we are able to offer the children opportunities to do sport other than their normal session and we therefore ask you to keep the PE Kit available at school **all week**. Please make sure earrings are removed on designated PE Days.

SATs: This term Year 2 will be doing their SATs. These will be completed as part of your child's normal school work and are nothing to be worried about. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.

Home Learning: Please continue to read daily with your child and discuss their books with them. We will continue to send home spelling walls and Maths homework and we appreciate your support in helping your child complete these and also learning their x2, x3, x4 x5 and x10 tables as a minimum. Please also encourage your child to use My Maths and look at our Fronter pages which have lots of information and activities to support our work in class.

Thank you for your continued support. **Mrs Akindale and Mrs Turner – Year 2 Class Teachers**