



Deer Class News

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Deer Class! I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead. I certainly am! We have a very exciting year planned, with some great topics to be studied! Below is some information which I hope will be useful to introduce you to what we will be learning this half-term. I have included an overview of what we will be studying across the curriculum.

I hope this newsletters answers any immediate questions, but please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns and I'll be more than happy to help.

Many thanks,
Erin Campbell

As you know, spellings are an integral part of writing and I would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to learn the spellings set each week, to enable them to use them in their writing. The children will receive new spellings to learn on a Thursday in their planner and they will be assessed on them the following Thursday.

The children will read for 30 minutes at the start of the day, 20 minutes at the end of the day and will read individually as often as possible. It is very important that they read on a daily basis at home, too. Please make sure your child has their book and planner every day so that they are ready to read and please record reading at home. We check the planners each week so that we can see what the children have read. If the children have finished the school's reading scheme, then they are welcome to choose books to read from the free readers' section of the Library or alternatively a suitable book from home. **If any parents/grandparents/carers are able to come into school each week to hear children read, this support would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you would like to help!**

Class 5 is made up of the 30 youngest children in Year 3. The children are taught from the Year Three curriculum. I am Miss Campbell, the class teacher and I am very excited to be working with your amazing children. The class will also be supported by Mrs Francisco and Mrs Blakey at various times throughout the week. Mrs Walker will also be teaching the children spelling, Spanish and RE during my PPA on a Thursday morning.

The @DeerClassHFS Twitter account has on-going posts of what the children are doing in Deer Class throughout the year, please follow us if you can, we are @DeerClassHFS.

In order for children to understand the maths curriculum as we progress throughout the year, they must have a solid grasp of their times tables. The children will be assessed on their times tables often. If you could practise these with the children at home and also encourage them to use Times Tables Rockstars through the internet then that would also be fantastic. You will find their username and password stuck in the front of their planner.

Homework will be given out on a Friday using either Seesaw or homework books. Please complete the homework by the following Tuesday to be marked. It is important that the children take care with their homework and present it as they would in the classroom, to the best of their abilities.

PE will be will be taught outside on either the yard, MUGA or the field. Our PE lessons are scheduled to be on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** The children will need an outdoor kit (warm clothing, waterproof field shoes and spare socks) and a spare change of clothes and shoes as our sessions will often be outside.