

# Deal Castle Class

**April 2019**

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you enjoyed the sun and had a good break. We have loved hearing about what the children got up to. This term is very short so we have already started our new topic. We are learning about space and aliens. I will be sending homework with this newsletter.

As the weather improves, please could you ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle. On sunny days, please could you apply sun cream in the morning before school. The children are welcome to bring in a NAMED bottle of sun cream which they can reapply at lunchtime.

**Our learning this term will be mainly about: Space**

## Literacy—Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our Literacy through the class project of Space.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be looking at 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield. We will be using the pictures to help us answer inference questions. We will also be using it as a starting point to our learning about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.
- Report writing. We will be writing about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will be learning how to use features of non fiction texts in our writing.
- Sequencing. We will be sequencing events from parts of a story and from Tim Peake's life.
- Writing stories. We will be learning a story called 'Cosmic and the Alien'. We will use actions and pictures to help us before we write, and then change, the story.

## Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about 'Space' and although our focus will be history and science our topic learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Learn about famous astronauts.
- Sequence events in their lives.
- Design, make and describe our own aliens.
- Draw a picture of Apollo 11.
- Use Google Earth to see what earth looks like from space.
- Locating and labelling the continents and countries.



In RE, we will be learning about the Muslim festival of Ramadan.

### English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 5 and 6 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

If your child is bringing home spellings, please can you help them to learn how to spell the words before the following Friday when they are tested.

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### Numeracy

This term, in numeracy sessions, we will be revisiting division and introducing fractions. The children will be learning to find fractions of shapes and amounts.

We will also be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add, subtract and multiply
- To use money- recognising coins, adding different coins and finding change
- To measure weight, length and time using kg, g, m, cm, hours and minutes.

### PE

This term the Year 2 children will be swimming on Thursday mornings. Please ensure they remember their swimming kit each week.

On Fridays, we will be visiting Dover Gym Club. We will be travelling by mini bus and will be back at school before home time. Children must have dark shorts, green PE t-shirts and plimsolls or trainers.

### Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at life cycles and the basic needs of animals.

We will be learning:

- About the life cycle of a frog and butterfly.
- How animals need water, food and air to survive.
- About the importance of eating the right types and amounts of food.
- About the importance of exercise.

We will also be carrying out an investigation involving space food!

### Coins in a Bottle!

Thank you so much for all your support last term in collecting 5p pieces. The children were delighted to be the first class to fill their bottle and thoroughly enjoyed their pizza party and afternoon tea.

The money raised will be used by the PTFA to build us an outdoor classroom.



### Diary dates:

25th April—Swimming begins for Y2

29th April- Bags 2 School collection

17th May—Non uniform day for  
Summer Fair

24th May -End of Term 5

4th June-Term 6 begins