



Year 3 and 4 Deer Class Newsletter February 2025

Welcome back to a new school year! This term our learning will be driven by the question: "Are all settlements the same?" We will be exploring different settlements- urban and rural and carry out fieldwork in our lovely town.

<p>Maths Multiplication and division 2 Length and Perimeter Fractions Number Sense Times tables lessons</p>	<p>English The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Michael Morpurgo and The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde</p>
<p>PE- Dance Handball</p>	 
<p>Writing Opportunities Pied Piper of Hamelin</p>  <p>Own version myths/legends Writing in role, information reports, adverts, formal letters</p> <p>The Selfish Giant Own version narratives about kindness Letters, first person recounts, diaries, letters, posters, reports</p>	<p>Reading Vipers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocabulary Infer Predict Explain Retrieve Sequence or Summarise  
<p>Geography- Exploring different types of settlements, land use, and the difference between urban and rural. Children describe the different human and physical features in their local area and make land use comparisons with New Delhi. Including fieldwork.</p> <p>Art- Painting and mixed Media- Light and Dark</p>	<p>Science Living things, classification and changing habitats</p>  <p>French- Colourful Creation- colours in French!</p> 



Computing - On-line Safety



RE- How are religion and worldviews expressed through art and architecture?



PSHE- Safety and the Changing body and Protective Behaviours



Music- Glockenspiels and composition

Reading

Our class reading texts:
Pied Piper of Hamelin by Michael Morpurgo
The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde

Read Aloud, Shared Reading, VIPERS in other curriculum areas.



P.E- will now take place every Thursday afternoon. Please remember that your child will need to come dressed in blue or black jogging bottoms or shorts, school PE T-shirt and school jumper or hoodie on a Thursday. I will inform you via Dojo message if this changes on certain weeks.

Homework- Please make sure you regularly log on to AR Reader to complete quizzes on reading books that are sent home. Your child should be accessing this regularly to ensure Reading Comprehension skills are developing at an age appropriate rate. Please also complete times table activities on TT Rock Stars. There is a competition in school for children who complete their heat maps on TT Rock Stars. Year 4 children will be formally assessed on their times tables later this year. There will also be a selection of English based homework challenges to complete across this half term too. This is based on our class text: The Pied Piper of Hamelin by Michael Morpurgo. Please ensure your child's homework is handed in on a Wednesday each week. The homework is attached to this letter.

Dates for your diary

We are out and about quite a bit this half term so I am sending you dates of our travels and trips around our lovely town...

Tuesday 25th February Star gazing trip at Heart of England Forest School Site

Friday 7th March World Day of Prayer Church service Stratford Upon Avon Methodist Church - afternoon only (see letter regarding collection)

Monday 17th March Midsummer Night's Dream Workshop RSC

Wednesday 19th Library Visit Shottery Girls School

Tuesday 25th March Trip to Tudor World (Shakespeare Week)

We will also be completing our Geography Fieldwork in Stratford upon Avon too!

Many thanks,
Miss. Williams



Homework



KEEP THIS ON YOUR FRIDGE FOR REFERENCE!



YOU WILL NEED THIS SHEET EVERY WEEK!

Year 3/4 English homework - Spring term (2nd half only) 2025
Choose one activity below for each piece of English related homework.
Remember to send in your homework each week (always on a Wednesday).

<p>The Pied Piper of Hamelin is a fable.</p> <p>A fable is a story with a moral or a lesson. Can you find out about a different fable? Eg, The Tortoise and the Hare, The Lion and the Mouse, The Fox and the Crow. What happens in the story? What is the lesson?</p>	<p>Design a new front cover for our class text.</p> 	<p>Michael Morpurgo has written lots of books for children. Can you write a list of some other books by this very famous author?</p> 
<p>Can you write a report about Rats!!</p> <p>Include a title, subheadings and facts about rats. You can even draw a labelled picture too! I look forward to reading your reports...</p>	<p>Joker Box Task</p> <p>Create your own piece of English homework this week!</p> 	<p>Once we have read the whole story you can write a blurb to go on the back of the book. This should be a brief synopsis of what has happened in the book. Check your punctuation. You can draw a picture of the main characters too. Illustrate your work.</p>
<p>The moral of this story is to "never be ungrateful". What are you grateful for in your life? You can draw, paint, label, sketch your thoughts...</p>		<p>The story celebrates the friendship of _____ and Emma.</p> <p>Do you have a good friend or family member who is special to you? Can you write some facts <u>about them</u>?</p>

Please remember: presentation should be fabulous - take pride in your handwriting and presentation. See me if you need paper to complete challenges at home! Miss. Williams