



Newsletter: 14th January 2024

Dear Families

It has been lovely being back at school and seeing everyone again. However, I am not liking the dark mornings! A few more weeks and we will start noticing more daylight hours.

A big welcome to Miss Wahid and Miss Moore who have settled in well. A big thank you to Years 2 and 4 for looking after them both.

As we say hello to our new teachers, we have said a temporary goodbye to Miss Burke. I was very impressed to see her leading a PE lesson last week though a little worried when the children wanted her to join in by jumping. I'm very glad she didn't! On behalf of the Deykin family, we wish you well, Miss Burke, with the birth of your baby and hope everything goes well. When you feel up to it, a visit from you and Baby Burke will be welcomed!

I am aware there have been issues with children bringing home reading books. The library is up and running now with many new books. I have asked teachers to put a Dojo message on their class story telling you when reading diaries and library books need to be returned, as well as when homework is to be given out and returned. If your child is not bringing homework or reading books home, please speak to your child's teacher in case there is a reason for this.

Have a lovely week, everyone!

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General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- The big gate into the car park should be being replaced on Monday 15th January. However, there has been a delay so we have to wait another week. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- If your child arrives after 8:50am, please take them to the office and explain to the office staff the reason why your child is late.
- Please do not send your child to school with crisps, sweets, chocolate, etc for snacks or their lunch. Too many children are bringing food like this in on a daily basis. Sending cakes or sweets in for special occasions like birthdays are fine if we can all eat healthily at other times.
- **If you have any concerns regarding other children or parents, please do not approach them yourselves. Instead, speak to Mrs Brewer, Mr Gunchala or Mr Downes and we will try and resolve your concerns.**
- If your child has an appointment, please bring proof for our records.
- If your child is going to be absent, please ring school by 8:30am and give a reason and an expected return date. Also, please remember to cancel their meal on School Grid. If you do not cancel the meal and you pay for your child's meals, you will be charged.
- Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle. Many children are not bringing them and we do not have many cups we can use.

We want all our pupils to be **STARs**: **S**uccessful, **T**olerant, **A**mbitious and **R**esilient.

Everyone at Deykin Avenue JI School is expected to adhere to our values of respect, responsibility, inclusivity and fairness. Our children know that these values help us all to become STARs but also help us to be good citizens within our community.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 -Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.

Election Day

We have been informed that our school will be used for voting for the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral Elections on **Thursday 2nd May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Ardill – Year 1

Sufyaan – Year 6

Musa – Year 3

David – Year 2

Sophie - Reception

Swimming

Children in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in 10 days of intensive swimming at Wyndley Swimming Baths and trained swimming teachers will work with the children. This is part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to attend. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn. Boys need to wear swimming trunks and girls a swimming costume (not a bikini) with tight fitting leggings if they wish. No loose fitting clothes will be allowed.

Year 5 – weeks beginning Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March

Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13th May and Monday 20th May

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

Attendance

Reception – 92.08%

Year 1 – 91.33%

Year 2 – 97.59%

Year 3 – 87.2%

Year 4 – 90%

Year 5 – 88.67%

Year 6 – 95.94%

Whole School – 91.77%

Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance again last week. 5mins extra playtime each day next week as you just surpassed the magic 96%. Well done!

If your child is unwell a lot, please speak to Mrs Baxter to see what support we can provide. We may be able to make a referral to the school nurse, or contact your GP to ask them to speak to you and you can raise your concerns with them.

Important Dates

Thursday 18th January – Year 6 trip to the Rep Theatre

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Thursday 22nd February – Dance workshops in school all day – Reception to Year 6 – children may come to school in their PE kits (details of the sessions to follow)

Monday 26th February – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission's assembly

Monday 7th March – World Book Day (details to follow)

Monday 11th March – 9am – Reception's Mother's Day Assembly – families invited

Thursday 21st March – 9am – Star of the Term/Attendance/Behaviour awards – families invited

Friday 22nd March – Break up for the Easter holiday

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a huge area and covers a range of topics such as online safety, road safety, safety in the home, mental health and personal safety. The NSPCC have produced leaflets on a range of safety issues including the PANTS rule. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets> These tips are really useful and the leaflets can be downloaded.

For further information about internet safety, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/> where you can find advice for children of different ages and for a range of topics.

Please have conversations with your children about how they think they can keep themselves safe, both inside and outside the home.

Thank you.

TT Rockstars

Please encourage your children (particularly those in Year 2 and above) to play on TT Rockstars regularly. It is a wonderful resource to help children learn their times tables. There are different games they can play on TTRS. For example, the 'Jamming' game allows them to choose the times tables they would like to focus on and they will only receive questions on those. Any questions, please contact your class teacher or Miss Williams

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government's expectation is that they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



Star of the Term



A huge 'Well Done!' to all the children who have achieved a certificate in Merit Assembly. Keep up the good work. You have all proved to be Deykin STARS!!

Friday 12th January

Reception – Aaira

Year 1 – Ardill

Year 2 – Sharon

Year 3 – Mahiya

Year 4 – Modou

Year 5 – Ahmed

Year 6 – Rehan

Times Tables Rockstars

Hadiya – Year 4

Hamna – Year 5

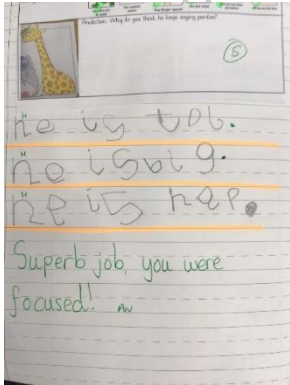
Molly – Year 6

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

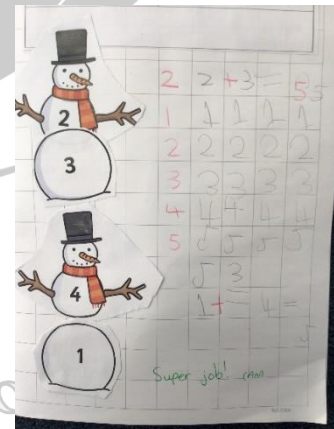


This week, we have been completing an ice melting experiment. We observed the changes in different states of matter and found ways to melt the ice quicker. We used warm water and salt to do this.



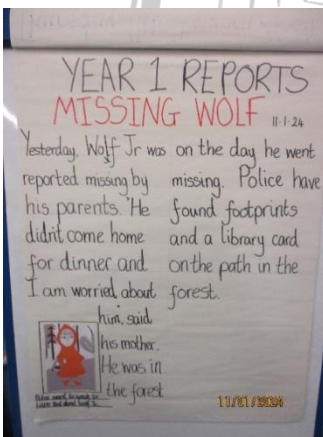
In literacy, we have been learning our new story characters and described them. We are improving our phonic knowledge in our writing.

In maths, we recapped our knowledge of bonds to five.



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Year 1



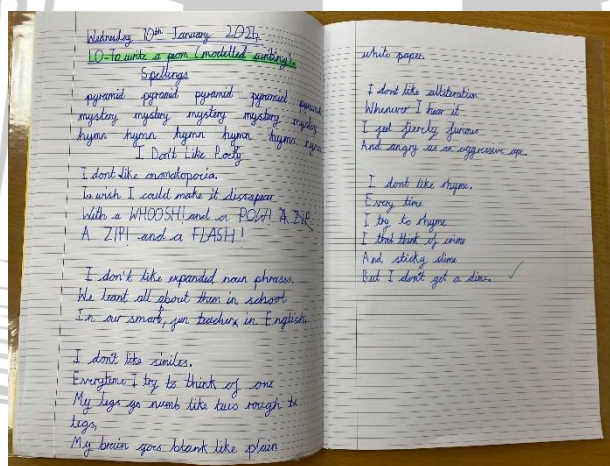
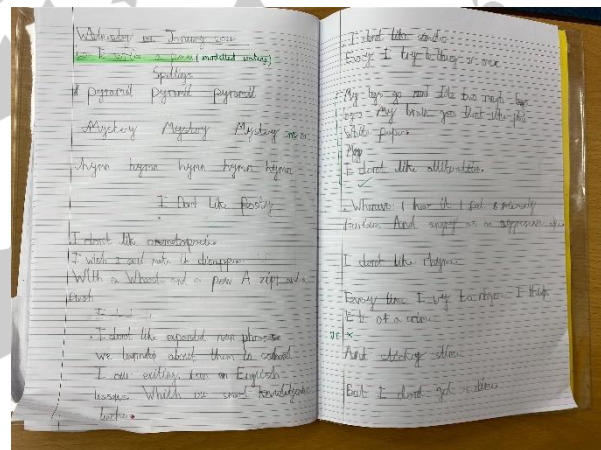
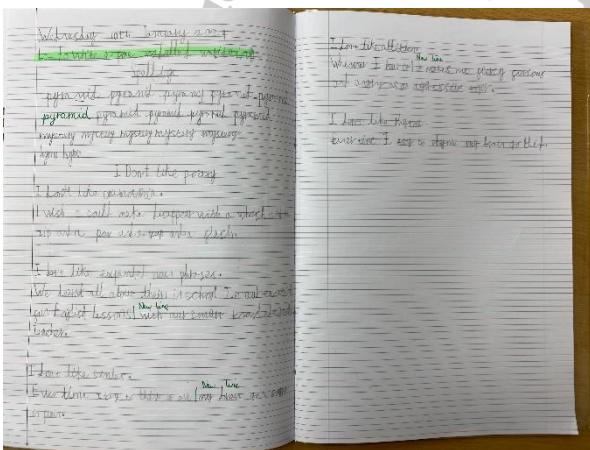
Year 1 have been looking at newspaper reports this week. We read the story, Little Red, and worked together to write a newspaper report about a missing wolf. What happened to him? Maybe Little Red knows...

Year 2

In RE, children were exploring their differences in appearance compared to their classmates. We discussed as a class the differences and made children aware that we can't assess people by their appearance. Children then spoken about their commonalities and what attributes make up a good human being.

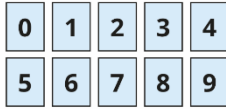
Year 3

In Year 3, the children wrote a poem called "I Don't Like Poetry". They learnt how to use word play to write a catchy, funny poem and really enjoyed coming up with their own unique ideas.



Year 4

Choose three digit cards.



Find the product of your digit cards.

How many different calculations can you make?

What is the most efficient order to use to work out the product?



Kim rolls a 10-sided dice three times.

The product of her numbers is 40

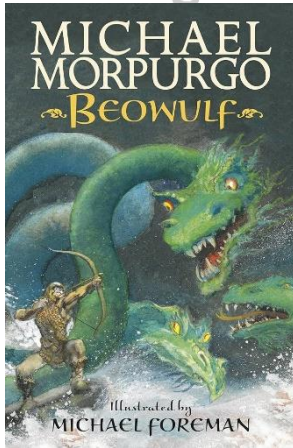
What numbers could she have rolled?

Compare answers with a partner.

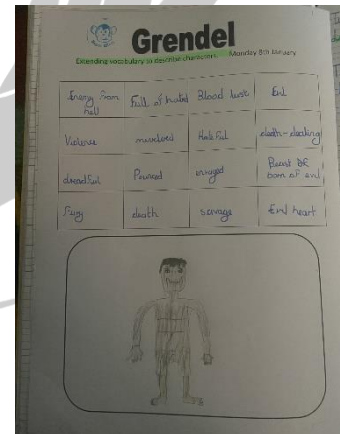


Year 4 have been back to working hard on their problem solving and reasoning skills in maths this week. We are continuing with our multiplication and division unit in good preparation for our times table test in the summer term. Well done Year 4!

Year 5



Year 5 have started to study a new text - Beowulf. So far, we have met a deadly creature who is terrorising villagers in Denmark. The children have written some great descriptions of this awful beast and have drawn what they think he looks like.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been exploring their new text, 'The Midnight Fox', in English. The children successfully gathered information from the text to sketch how Bubba's room would look like by using the description from the text.

