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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back to a new academic year. As the class teacher of Deer, I am writing to give you some information about the plans for the Autumn term.

The year will begin with a themed week on 'Skills your Granny taught you', led by Mrs McClure, since I shall be accompanying the year 6 children to the Isle of Wight from 8th - 12th September.

Following this, maths will be taught in sets, with the year 5s working with the year 6s, and the year 4s working with the year 3s.

Set teachers are as follows:-

	Year 5	Year 4
Set 1	Mr Santy	Miss Leftley
Set 2	Miss Stannard	Miss Phillips
Set 3	Ms Barrow and Mrs McClure	Mrs Walsh

English will be taught as a class, but children will be split into ability groups for Phonics sessions.

This term, all the Junior classes will be studying the First World War, in recognition of the centenary commemorations. As our main topic, many of the other subject areas will be linked to this. Towards the end of term, we will move onto a short topic on Food around the World.

Headteacher: Mrs S.H. Bradford
Deputy Headteacher: Miss D.K. Stannard

Curriculum Content

Maths.	Place value (Th, H, T, U) , Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Time, Money, Shape, Measures, Data Handling
English	Information texts, Leaflets, Recount, Instructions, Diary Entries, Letters, Poems
Science	Rocks Plants
History	The First World War
Geography	Food
I.C.T.	Computing
Art	Portraits, glass painting, art linked to the First World War
D.T.	Structures - Zeppelin
R.E.	Community and celebrations
Music	Songs from First World War. Rhythm.
P.E.	Mon - Games - Football, Netball, Rugby and Badminton Thurs. - Year 4 - Dance and Gym Thurs. - Year 5 -Swimming

T- shirts, shorts and plimsolls are needed for indoor games sessions such as badminton. It is Norfolk County Council policy that children will do dance and gym with bare feet. Trainers are required for outdoor games and during the winter months sweat shirts and tracksuit bottoms are really useful. It may be a good idea to provide your child with carrier bags to put muddy shoes and clothes in. Please ensure named P.E. kit is brought in at the start of the week so that it is available if a timetable change occurs.

Year 5 children have the opportunity to go swimming each week on a Thursday. This will start next Thursday, the 11th September.

Homework

Government recommendations are that children in years 4 and 5 should have 20 - 30 mins of homework a day. Therefore our timetable is as follows:-

Monday	Reading (10mins) Spellings (5mins) Tables (5mins)
Tuesday	Maths - to be handed in on Thursday
Wednesday	Reading (10mins) Spellings (5mins) Tables (5mins)
Thursday	Reading (10mins) Spellings (5mins) Tables (5mins)
Friday	English or topic work - to be handed in on Tuesday

Reading

At school, reading takes place in a variety of contexts. Your child will be assigned a reading group with those of a similar ability who will read aloud with an adult and discuss what they have read. Other reading activities will take place with the whole class or individually, but your help in hearing your child read at home, and discussing the text, is invaluable to help them progress.

If anyone is able to spare some time in an afternoon, or during registration to hear children read at school, this would be much appreciated. Please come in and see me.

Spellings

To begin the year, we would like the children to ensure they can spell some key words needed in their writing. They will bring a sheet home to learn, and will be tested on these on Friday 19th September.

After this, spellings will be given out on a Friday, and tested the following week. In order to learn these words, children will need to follow the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method, writing the words in the spaces provided.

For year 5 parents, there will be a meeting about the 2015 trip to the Isle of Wight on September 18th at 6.30 p.m.

I hope this has given you some idea of what we will be doing this term. An Open Evening will be held on 13th October, when I shall look forward to meeting you, but in the meantime, if you have any queries, please feel free to come in and see me.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Leftley

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

I have received the Curriculum Newsletter.

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