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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Dear Families,

I have a recommended read I'd really like to get on to this week, but first an update on the hottest topic of summer 2026. Rising summer temperatures and periods of prolonged extreme heat have been a feature of the past few summers at Deer Park, and indeed in schools across the country. Our building, new though it is, features a considerable quantity of glass, which in turn allows in considerable quantities of heat and ultraviolet light. Each classroom also has 30 children in it, who each radiate roughly 75 watts of heat energy. It is, accordingly, hot in our building and in our classrooms. We have fans on the walls and UV screens on the windows, but we need a longer term solution to the problem.

To begin with, here's where we're currently up to in the process. We've now had two surveys from 'Wilby and Burnett' to assess our building's capacity to take on a cooling system. The first investigation was whether our current air circulation system could be fitted with a cooling system: the answer to this was no, it could not. The second investigation was what systems *would* be workable with our building's infrastructure. There are two currently theoretical options. They are theoretical because we first need to stress-test the electrical system in our building to ensure that it could handle this additional load: this test is scheduled for the coming weeks. They are also currently theoretical because our landlords - Lidl - would need to agree to the plans for either option. I should say at this juncture that Lidl are being supportive of these measures, and have offered to contribute financially.

Option 1 is two large air conditioning units on the roof of our building. These would then utilise the pipes used for the air circulation system, and would reach all rooms in the school: the temperature would be controlled centrally. The current estimate for this work is £170,000.

Option 2 is separate air conditioning units in each classroom, with separate boxes on the outside of each room. This would be less to install, at £125,000, but would have significantly greater running and maintenance costs over time.

I will keep you updated on the process as we go. Once we have electrical stress-tests, plans and permissions, I'll be in touch with a pathway forward.

On to that recommend read I mentioned. I read a gorgeous novel over the summer. It has a deeply sympathetic main character; flawed but steadfast, honourable but troubled. It manages to gently weave generational gaps and immigration through a narrative that seems to be the Horizon scandal, but is - I think - really about community and the imperfect hearts of the individuals within it. Light prose, and profound emotional weight at the same time: it's a cracker. What makes it especially cool, though, is all the descriptions of Hounslow and Richmond that are so recognisable to us locals. What makes it *especially* especially cool, is that it's written by one of our own, right here from Deer Park. ['Mr Sidhu's Post Office'](#) is that rarest of things: a great book written by someone you know. Happy reading.

Yours as ever,

Alex Lee



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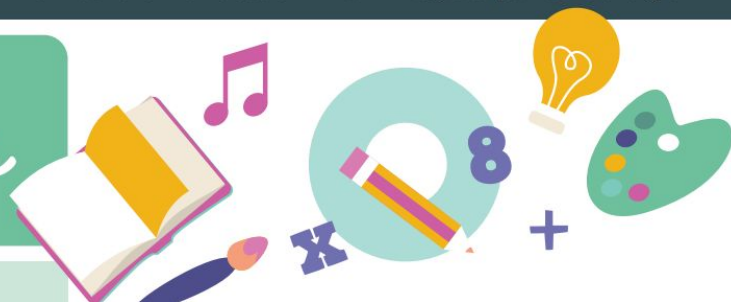


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Sambar Class



Mrs Blaxland



Ms Philip



Mrs Lambelin



Miss Wilkinson



Mr Owen

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'Super Duper You' and talking about all the things that make us unique.
- In Maths, we have been comparing different amounts. We have also continued to look at how we can sort different objects into groups.
- In our music lessons with Miss Mel, we have been learning lots of different songs.
- In Art, we have looked at different examples of self portraits and had a go at drawing our own.
- We have continued to talk about the Zones of Regulation, this week focussing on the Blue Zone and what we can do when we are feeling sad.

Our highlights:

We have now begun our weekly PE lessons. We enjoyed balancing a beanbag in different ways and learning some new warm up games. We also loved our first visit to the library!

In other news

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Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Aishika and Wren



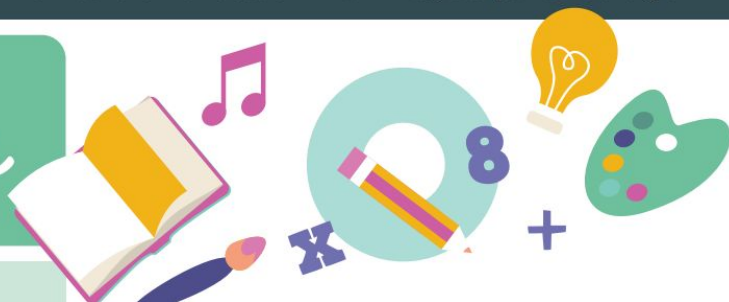
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Fawn Class



Miss Corrigan



Mrs Gordon



Miss Wilkinson



Miss Susie

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Alfie and Timofei



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Roe Class



Miss Bennett



Miss Charlotte



Miss Melissa

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We have absolutely loved having the Witch visit us this week to share her special green tea recipe with us! Some of our favourite moments have been spent in our outdoor classroom, where the children had a wonderful time bringing their ideas to life and creating their very own magical recipes.

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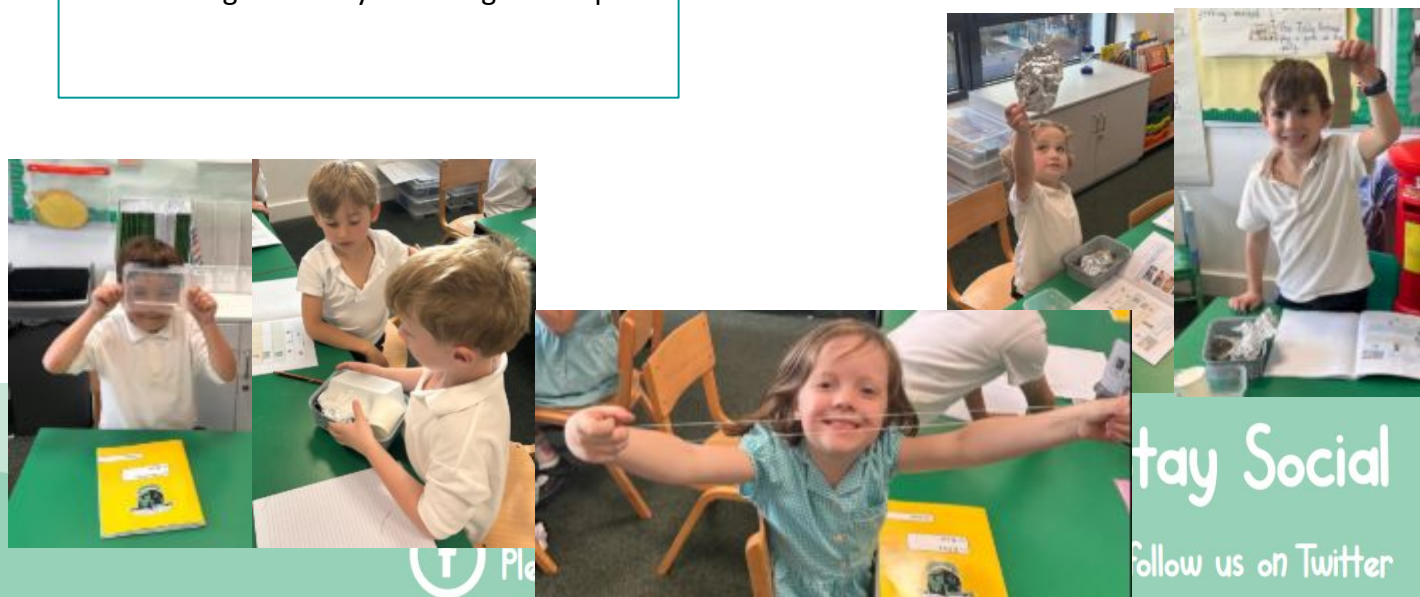
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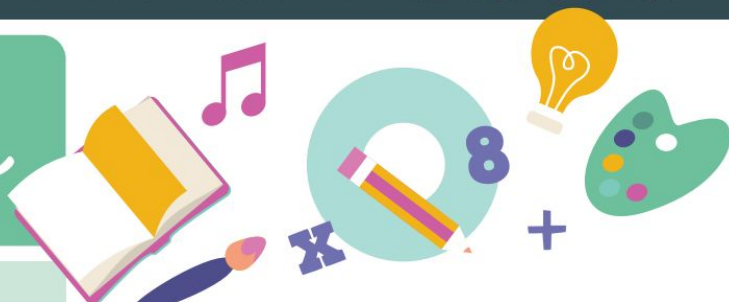
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Brocket Class



Mrs Drew



Ms Barbara



Miss Denisa

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- Wren
- Autumn



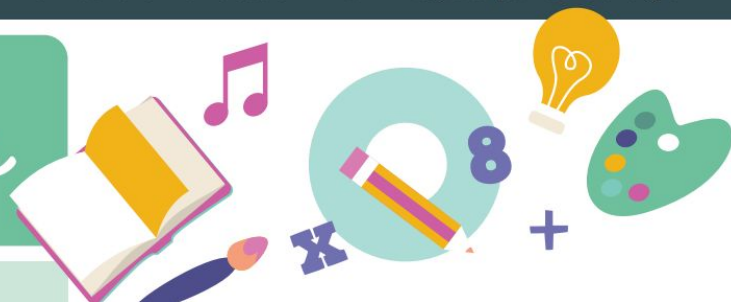
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Marsh Class



Miss Lauren



Miss House



Miss Charlotte

Our Learning

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In Maths, the children have worked hard to help embed their knowledge of place value, number lines and number comparisons using the less than, greater than and equal to symbols.

In Art we have been practising drawing different lines and using hatching and cross hatching to add pattern, texture and depth to our sketches.

In Computing we have been learning about Information Technology - what is it, where is it, and what is it used for? The children have been recognising IT and it's uses both in and out of school.

In other news

Another quick reminders to please ensure anything coming into school (uniform, school bags, water bottles, glasses cases etc) are all clearly labelled with the child's name so they can be returned if misplaced.

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We will be learning:

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Trips and events:

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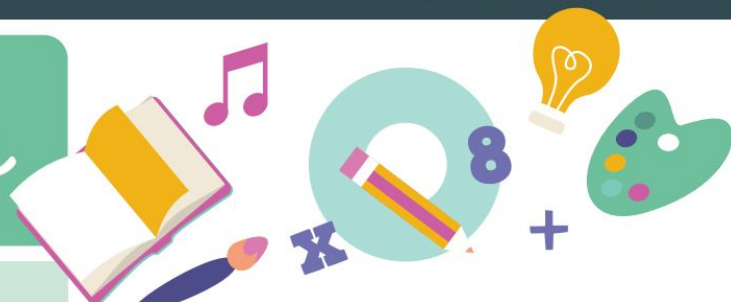
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Fallow Class



Ms Barbara



Miss Brandvik



Miss Lauren

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Aleks and Xanthe



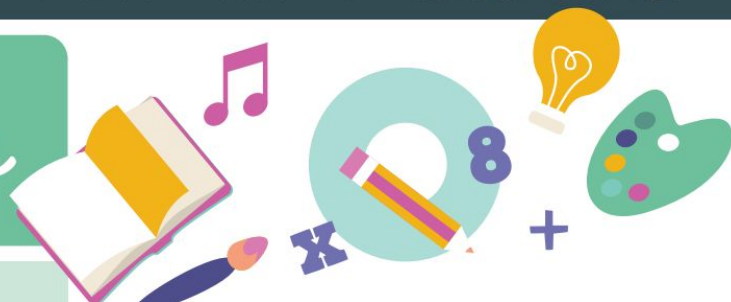
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Kashmir Class



Miss Lauren



Mr Lord



Miss Tejas

Our Learning

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Linking to our learning about rocks and fossils in Science, in our English lessons this week we have been writing and editing our biographies on Mary Anning. We ensured we included lots of interesting facts about Mary Anning, and included information about her famous discoveries including of the first correctly identified Ichthyosaur skeleton.

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- Similes and prepositions
- Number bonds to 100
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- Similarities and differences between dinosaurs

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- Wednesday 21st October - Open Classroom Afternoon

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Seb and Thomas

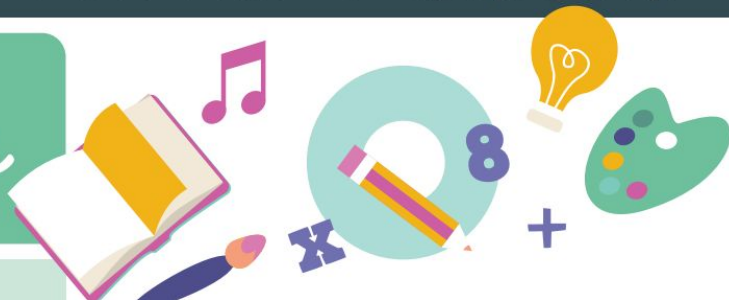


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Muntjac Class



Miss Thomas

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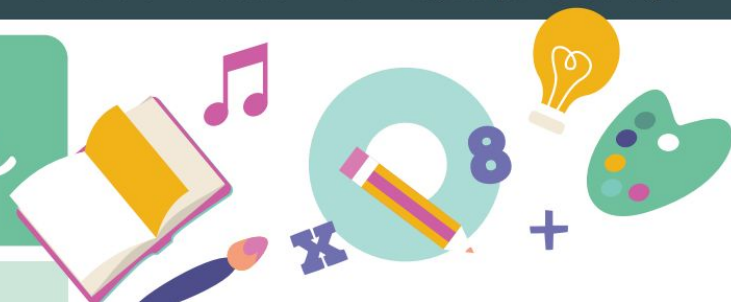
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Sika Class



Miss Melissa



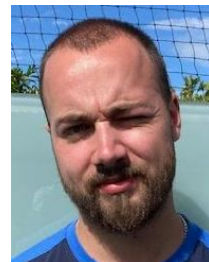
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Miss Mia



Miss Lauren



Mr Rory

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Our highlights:

One of the highlights from the last fortnight is definitely our work with electrical circuits in science. The children have all had a go at creating some simple circuits with light bulbs.

Another highlight would be our continued swimming lessons on a Wednesday where the children have been walking over to pools in the park.

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Amelie

Enzo



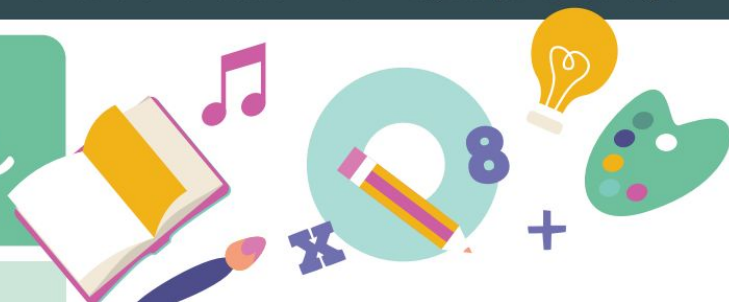
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Taruca Class



Miss Bhatti



Mr Lloyd



Miss Mandy



Miss Amber

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Sasha and Seif



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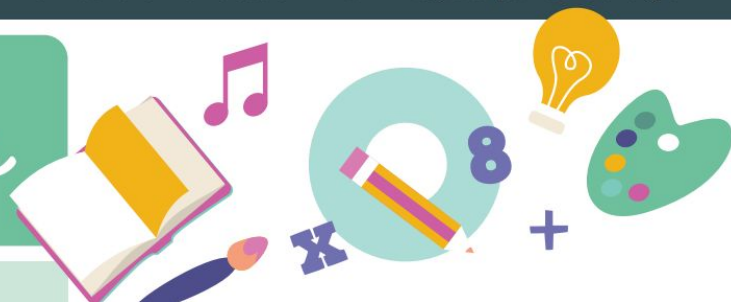


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Caribou Class



Mrs McMinn

Our Learning

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We have practised shading techniques in Art and discussed grief in PSHE.

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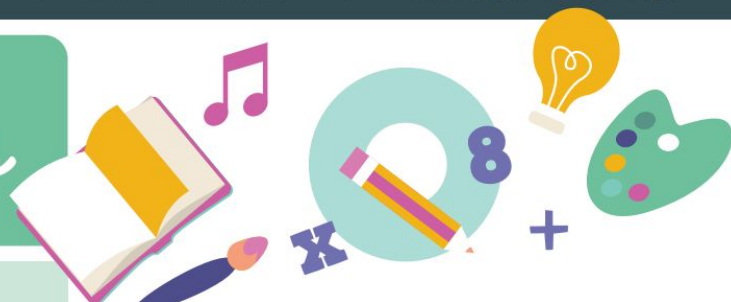
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Elk Class



Miss Amber



Miss Tweedie



Miss Denisa

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- Inverse operations
- Mental strategies for maths
- Athens and Sparta
- Da Vinci's influence on society

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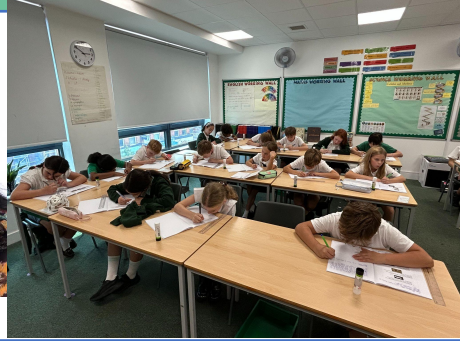
Red Class



Miss Forshaw



Miss Bhatti



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In other news

Please ensure your child is still practising on TTRS at home. Multiplication and division fluency is SO important!

Please encourage your child to bring in their planner every day.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

- Maths: cubed and squared numbers. Multiplying four digit by two-digit numbers.
- History: reasons for and impact of the dissolution of monasteries
- English: writing diary entries from the perspective of characters from The London Eye Mystery.
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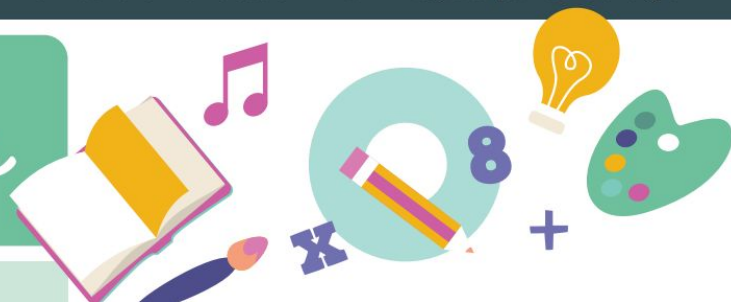
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Charlie, Sidati



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Moose Class



Miss Race

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Times Tables Rockstars is very important! Children should be practicing little and often.

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Upcoming Stars of the Week: Orelie, Junaid



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