Danecourt School

TRACK NEWSLETTER - TERM 2 - 2024-2025

DISCOVER CLASSES



MANATEE CLASS
Amanda Stanley



SEAHORSE CLASS
Dawn Holloway



PENGUIN CLASS
Michelle Hodges



STINGRAY CLASS
Gail Richards



DOLPHIN CLASS
Karen Pugh



TURTLE CLASS
Marie Westlake/Jayne Hehir



LOBSTER CLASS
Debbie McLeish

Our Learning This Term:

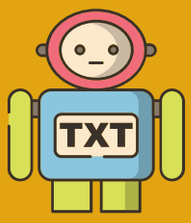
Theme - Terrific Toys

This term, we will explore toys from both the past and present, starting with vehicles and even creating our own toys!

Our focus will be on comparing toys from different eras—looking at the similarities and differences between small-world toys and modern remote-control vehicles. As part of this, we'll be using junk modeling to create our own vehicles.

Memorable Experience:

We're thrilled to be arranging a visit from the Maidstone Toy Museum, where each of our Discover classes will have the chance to explore toys from the past.





Literacy:
In KS1 we will be focusing on texts such as Kipper's Toybox, This is the Bear, Dear Santa

In KS2, We'll explore fiction books centered around toys, such as The Naughty Bus, The Train Ride, and Where's My Teddy?

We will also invite each child's favorite toy into class to take a picture and create a fact file, supported by the appropriate tools for your child's needs (e.g., symbols or Colorful Semantics).
Children will write lists to Father Christmas.
We will follow instructions to make our own toys, such as sock puppets and spinners.

Maths - Numerical Patterns:
We will engage in sustained construction activities, exploring shapes and discussing them using visuals for support.
Using ramps, vehicles, and wind-up toys, we will measure time and distance in fun, interactive ways.

Dance & Gross Motor Skills:
We will learn traditional games that develop gross motor skills, such as skittles, bean bag toss, rolling a hoop, hopscotch, and What's the Time Mr. Wolf?
Circle games will include Ring-a-Roses and Duck, Duck, Goose.
Each class will also learn a song for our Christmas performance, with activities tailored to their abilities, whether through dance, singing, or signing.

KEY DATES - TERM 2

Tuesday 5th November - Penguin and Manatee Swimming (last session)
Wednesday 6th Nov - Wednesday 27th Nov - Stingray Horse-riding
Thursday 7th Nov - Thursday 28th Nov - Dolphin Horse-riding
Wednesday 13th November - Signing Hands Visit
Wednesday 20th November - Parents Evening
Thursday 21st November - Track Parent Workshop - 9.30am
Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December - KS1 Panto
Monday 16th December - Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday19th & 20th December - Grotto
Friday 20th December - Christmas Parties

STARS

Our school values make up the STARS, they are:
Self reliance
Team player
Aspirational
Resilience
Successful
This term, we will be focusing on **Success**