

# Diamond' Newsletter

Spring term 1 2026

Welcome back and a sparkling Happy New Year to all our wonderful Diamond Class families! The children have returned with fantastic energy, big smiles, and plenty of stories to share – it has been a joy to see the classroom buzzing again!

This term promises to be a brilliant one. We have lots of exciting learning planned, new challenges to tackle, and plenty of opportunities for creativity, curiosity, and fun.

Thank you for your continued support – here's to another term filled with growth, confidence, and sparkle! 💎 ✨

*Lottie and Emily*

Diamonds are the **hardest natural substance on Earth** – nothing scratches them except another diamond.

## Humanities

We will become **time detectives** as they explore the fascinating world of **Ancient Egypt**. We will discover when and where Ancient Egypt existed and why the **River Nile** was so important, explore everyday life including food, clothing, and homes, and investigate **artefacts and hieroglyphics** to uncover secrets from the past.

We will explore the exciting world of **volcanoes**! We will investigate what volcanoes are, where they are found, how they erupt, and the effects they have on people and the environment.

*Fun fact: Did you know the largest volcano in the world is Mauna Loa in Hawaii, which is so big it covers half of the Hawaiian Islands?*

## Science

We will explore the exciting world of **forces, magnetism, and materials**. Through **hands-on activities and experiments**, we will develop a deeper understanding of how objects move, why magnets attract and repel, and how different materials behave.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Culture Day – Asia

 **23<sup>rd</sup> January**

More information to follow – get ready for a day full of fun, learning, and Asian-themed activities!



This term, children will be developing their skills in **writing, editing, and publishing** across different text types.

We will:

- ◆ **Plan and organise ideas** for writing, including instructions, explanations, reports, and stories
- ◆ **Use paragraphs, accurate punctuation, and spelling** to improve clarity
- ◆ **Develop vocabulary** and present their work confidently
- ◆ **Read and reflect** on how authors structure and edit their work to engage the reader

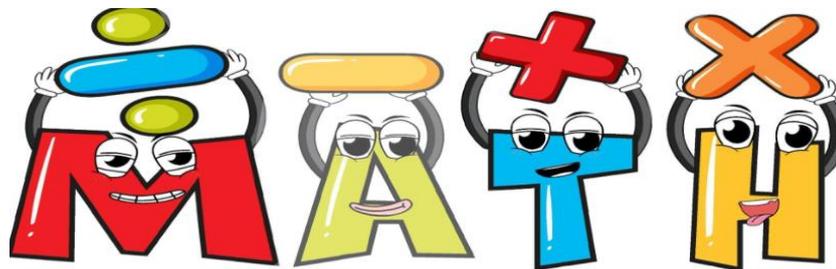


In Diamond class **AAD (Ask, Accept and Develop)** is an approach we use in the classroom to support children's learning and confidence by encouraging them to ask for help, accepting all forms of communication, and developing their skills through positive, supportive interactions.



## Maths

This term, we will be deepening their understanding of **addition, subtraction, area, and multiplication.**



We will:

- ◆ **Add and subtract 4-digit numbers** using written methods
- ◆ Explore **area** using shapes and practical activities
- ◆ **Recall and use multiplication and division facts** up to  $12 \times 12$

Children will also practise **explaining their thinking, choosing efficient strategies, and using maths in real-life situations.** The focus is on building confidence, fluency, and problem-solving skills.

