Delamere School

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Newsletter: Experiential Learners

Class: Owl

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Date: April 2023 [Summer term]

We ask for £10 contribution each term for healthy snacks and ingredients which are integral to our important communication work. All donations to class fund are greatly appreciated.

Communication [Underpins all sessions]

This term we will be developing our individual communication skills in class and in the local community, this will include listening to different sounds when out and about.

We will be exploring requests showing that we want more, to stop / show we like something or to go. All are part of our core vocabulary.

This will be personalised to each child and may include gesture, sounds/ words, facial expression or symbols.

SEMH / Pupil engagement

This term we are exploring our wider outside world linked focusing on our local environment.

We will visit places in the in the local area to e.g. the library, the shops and the local café, we will also go to local parks in small groups.

In Science we will learn about different animals, this will build on our responses to the visiting therapy dog “girl”. We will visit the local farm to see animals in their local habitat.

Physical / Sensory

Our P.E topic this term is games. We will be joining in games both inside: boccia and games outside.

Our fine motor session this term will focus on exploring media changing it from dry to damp /wet.

We will continue to focus on our physical skills sitting, standing, balance in class and encouraging children to walk increased distances when on educational visits.

Literacy / *Reading for pleasure*

Our focus for literacy this term will be fairy/ traditional stories and fables; we will be focusing on the fables “the Lion and the mouse” and some Tinga Tinga tales e.g. “how the zebra got its stripes” which we will explore as sensory stories.

Our daily Reading for Pleasure sessions in Owl class will continue. We will make visits to the local library, as well read books that link to our learning e.g. the little red hen.

Cause and effect / Maths / computing

In maths this term we will be experiencing measure. We will experience this through water play and different textured sensory media focusing on emptying and filling different objects. This will support, touching objects and exploration using hand eye co-ordination.

We will work on our individual switching skills using SENICT games based on child. We will also use switch skills to gain the reward of different media in the sensory room which will help us focus on our vision and focused looking skills.

The Arts

Our art focus this term is Digital Art & Printing we will focus on body awareness with printing as we feel pressure through our body in different positions e.g. against the windows / on the floor.

In music we will be exploring music / dance for our KS2 extravaganza.

Our dance massage will be music linked to ‘African Safari’ that builds on previous activities, great for engagement & communication. This session allow the children to relax and access their stretches & make choices.

Equipment needed:

Please ensure your child has a full change of clothes daily and a towel as we will be accessing water play this term on a Monday. Please send in sun-cream so we are prepared for as the weather gets warmer. We will be outside daily for different activities.

Please do continue to send in a coat / waterproof as we take part in local visits.

Please make sure that spare gastrostomy buttons are sent in daily for those that require them.

Home Learning:

Please create opportunities to go and visit a farm or to listen and look at different animals on local walks. `

Ideas to try: Explore different foods that change texture when wet or dry. Share favourite stories, interactive rhymes or songs that build up attention and anticipation.

Have a look at the Oxford Owl e-books; the information has been sent home; use age band 4-7. Series: Oxford reading tree and if you don’t click levels then the early level books will show up. Point out pictures as you listen / read a book! Enjoy!

Key Dates:

Thursday 25th May: Cultural Diversity Day

Friday 26th May: Outdoor Learning Day

w/b 10th July: Sports Week

19th July 2023: Leavers Afternoon tea.

Parent visits to class taking place throughout the half term.