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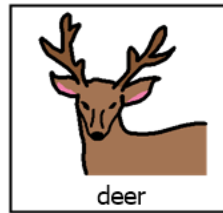
Newsletter: Deer Class

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Team: Corin, Lyndsey, Sarah D, Louise, Sarah G and Lesley

Date: Summer Term 2024

Please feel free to contact Corin with any questions or queries— ctravis@delamere.trafford.sch.uk



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



Communication & Language

We will be developing our listening and attention skills through seasonal themed attention game sessions.

Through our continuous provision activities the children will be encouraged to respond using symbols, switches and PODB mats. This will include opportunities for commenting, requesting and structuring simple sentences. We will also be encouraging the children to follow simple instructions during play.

There will be a discreet communication lesson each week where children will be grouped with peers at a similar level to focus on their communication targets.

Children will go on weekly educational visits in the local community or further a field on the school bus to practice and generalise their communication skills in the community.

Literacy

This term our literacy focus is fables and tales from other cultures. We will be focusing on “Handa’s surprise” by Eileen Browne and link this with our fun with food sessions to explore the different fruits in the story.

We will continue to develop the children’s enjoyment of books through daily reading for pleasure sessions.

Our essential text this term will be “Big” by Sav Akyuz and will link to our thoughts around growing bigger as we begin to prepare for some children to transition to KS2.

We will also enjoy some of Aesop’s fables—the tortoise and the hare and the lion and the mouse. We will use these stories to explore how we should try our best and always be kind.

Physical Development

Our PE focus this term will be games.

We will explore some simple games practicing taking turns and following instructions. We will explore ball skills rolling, throwing, kicking and catching. We will work on co-ordination aiming balls at targets through introducing the game bocce.

Further children will have weekly access to swimming each Tuesday morning.

PSED:

This term we will be focusing on living in the wider world. We will think about people who help us in the community and practice our skills in the local community.

We will be asking for photographs of special places to share in circle times; this may be your home or somewhere you like to spend time so we can recognise and share these photographs with our friends.

Mathematics



Our focus this term will be measurement. We will be learning all about different ways we can measure. Initially focusing on size: height and length,

We will identify the size of objects in a local environment, use size to request our favourite snacks and sort objects by the criteria of size.

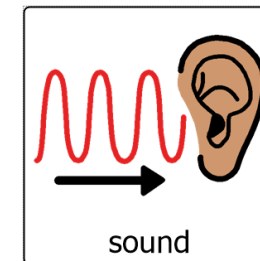
We will move onto exploring capacity using key terms full, empty, half full. Using a hands on approach to practice these principles by filling and emptying.

Some students will focus on time: sequencing events in the day, ordering days of the week and months of the year.

Understanding the World

Our science topic for this term is sound. Through listening activities, experiments and sensory play we will learn explore some principles about sound. Observing how it travels in waves, identifying sound sources and creating our own instruments.

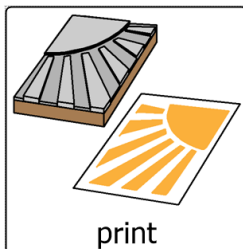
In outdoor learning we will explore forces; looking at how motion is impacted by push and pull.



Expressive Arts & Design

We will be printing in art this term using a wide range of media to create art through print, exploring the marks made by our hands, feet, fruit and utensils to making our own stamps.

In music our focus is sound effects and sound stories—we will be exploring what sounds we can make with our bodies and with instruments and using these to re-tell stories we have enjoyed so far this year.



Home Learning/Equipment needed

We will be accessing our fantastic outdoor area every day so we ask your child is prepared for all weather. As the warmer weather hopefully arrives please send hats and sunscreen as appropriate.

Please ensure all items are labelled. We also recommend a spare set of clothes to stay in school in case of accidents or messy play

PE sessions will be on Thursday.

Splash sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings. Don't forget to send in a full swim kit including swim nappy, costume and towel in a waterproof bag. We will send the kit home once it has been used.



Key Dates:

6th May bank holiday

17th May outdoor classroom day

21st May cultural diversity day

w/c 27th May & 3rd June Half term

Parents visits to class will take place in the final half term—dates TBC

w/c 8th July sports week

15th July—Transition meeting for parents