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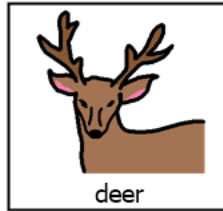
## Newsletter: Deer Class

**Class: Deer Class**

**Team: Corin, Natalie, Rabina, Ruth and Lesley**

**Date: Autumn Term 2024**

Please feel free to contact Corin with any questions or queries— [ctravis@delamere.trafford.sch.uk](mailto: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.

Using a total communication approach we will practice and generalise communication skills across all subjects everyday.

### Literacy

This term our literacy focus is modern fiction and learning about books. We will continue to develop the children's enjoyment of books through daily reading for pleasure sessions.

Our essential text this half term will be "head shoulders knees and toes" by barefoot books. As we settle into class and get to know each other we will use the text "we are all different" and share about our families, homes, likes and dislikes.

During pre-formal phonics session we will be developing our listening skills through environmental sound discrimination. Listening to different sounds in our environment and linked with the changing seasons.

### Physical Development

Our PE focus this term will be dance.

In dance we are focusing on movement and stillness through dance and freeze games and will then explore moving our bodies at different speeds in response to fast and slow music.

## PSED:

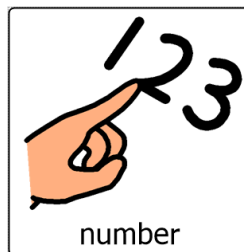
This term we will be focusing on health and wellbeing. This will be taught in 2 aspects—one looking at healthy eating through exploring different fruits and vegetables in sensory fun with food.

The second will be walks in the local community—using walking for health and wellbeing we will extend the lengths of our walk and enjoy time in nature.

## Mathematics



Our focus this term will be number and counting. We will be counting lots of different objects, listening to a wide range of number songs and using number names during our play.



## Understanding the World

Our topic science for this term is everyday materials we will be exploring a range of materials and starting to recognise and label—wood, plastic, fabric and metal.

We will explore how different materials feel and whether we can see through them, whether they are waterproof.

## Expressive Arts & Design

In art our focus is on mark making; through a wide range of sensory media we will practice mark making and printing.

In music our focus is exploring instruments and led by our school music teacher Beth we will be playing a range of instruments and preparing for winter performance.



paint



musical instruments

## Home Learning/Equipment needed

We will be accessing our fantastic outdoor area every day so we ask your child to bring a coat, wellies and waterproof trousers to stay in school. 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 Monday

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.



swimming

## Key Dates:

11th September—meet the team 4-5pm

10th October—world mental health day  
w/c 28th October half term.

6th November—parents evening

8th and 11th November—school photo

6th December—Christmas jumper day

11th December—Christmas performance

17th December—Christmas party day