

Expressive arts and design

We love to sing in Deer class! This half term, we will be learning new topic related songs and poems such as; Ladybird, Ladybird and I Love the Flowers. This term we will look closely at and discuss garden inspired work by Yayoi Kusama.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills through games and activities. We will be learning to match colours and symbols, to work as a team to complete a task, to use our bodies to make number shapes, to follow a trail, to work with others to make patterns and to work with a partner to complete challenges.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Developing conversations and ideas round feelings and emotions and how we might begin to resolve conflicts. To link our achievements through the schools' values.

Understanding the World

We will be looking our local plants, animals and insects. The children will build upon their computing skills and thinking more about e-safety. We will think about people who help us.



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Down in the garden



Communication and Language

We will be expressing our ideas in groups and learning to ask questions to gather more information and details.

Texts to support the unit across the curriculum



Ways to support the topic

Practise recalling the letter names and sounds of the alphabet, days of the week and months of the year. Practise reading words and sounds from your red books and phonics handouts. Regular reading at home, and record this in reading records.

Monster phonics:

<https://monsterphonics.com/>

Mathematics

Continue to count forwards and backwards from different numbers.

To say and recognise numerals that are 1 more or less than any number to and beyond 10.

Know how to find doubles and halves of numbers and shapes.

English

We will learn to sequence and retell stories and poems. We will begin to develop our ideas and write linked sentences around a theme.

Daily practise of all sounds. Continue to learn digraphs (2 letters which make one sound e.g. ai as in rain) and use these to read and write sentences. Recalling – three letters which make one sound e.g. air as in chair and learning the clusters sounds e.g. st and str.

To practise our reading skills during group reading times.

Reminders:

- PE Day –Friday
- Library day – Tuesday
- Book bags need to be in school every day containing reading books, library books, red word books and reading record. Please check your child's book bag daily.
- Water bottles are needed every day.
- Wet weather coats needed every day.
- Please re-label all your child's belongings.