



Foxes and Deer's Class Newsletter

Autumn 1- 2026



Welcome back! We hope you all had a fun and restful summer!



Topic



Our topic this half term is marvellous me. For this we will explore how everyone is different and spend time celebrating the things that make us unique.

In science we will look at life stages and explore how they have grown from babies to children. In history we will build on this and explore the concept of past and present and aim to create a personal timeline. In geography we celebrate the natural world around us.

At home you could:

- Look at old family photos together
- Visit a local farm to spot baby vs adult animals
- Research some key events from your lifetime
- Take a nature walk

English



We will continue our topic, marvellous me, through English. We will read a range of texts surrounding themes of individuality and diversity, including: only one you, I really really don't like parties, I love me, welcome to our world, the growing story, the best you and giraffes can't dance.

Over the term we will focus on building our fine motor and writing skills. We will be working towards creating a short information text all about 'marvellous me'.

We will also continue to develop our reading skills. Working on enjoying a story with an adult, reading aloud, recalling events and characters and answering questions about a text.

At home you could:

- Share a story and practice answering comprehension questions
- Generate some interesting facts about you

Maths



Our topic in Maths this half term is weight.

We will focus on using comparative language such as heavier/lighter and move towards weighing objects using scales. We will also be carrying out number work, practicing partitioning numbers and linking this to addition and subtraction.

At home you could:

- Listen to a counting song
- Use objects around the house to practice adding and subtracting
- Practice deciding which of two objects is heavier/lighter

Staffing

This year we are sharing a bank of staff between two classes. This is so we have more adults that know the children and can support when needed across two classes. Olivia is out of class on Mondays and Thursday afternoon. Jemma Warren will cover these days.

Steve is out of class on Thursdays to take a group swimming in the morning and PPA in the afternoon. Lydia Sole will cover in Deers on Thursdays.

If you have any questions about staffing, please speak to either Olivia or Steve.

This half term, on Monday mornings we will be sharing what we did over the weekend as part of our getting to know each other and our speaking and listening lesson. If you do anything fun (or something at home e.g. we watched a movie or played a game) please email a picture, short video or some information that you are happy to be shared with the class to your class teacher.

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Thank you

At school we can supply snacks that include - fruit and breadsticks. If you know your child would like any more snacks, then please feel free to send in an extra snack for them. Also, please can you send in a drinking bottle if you haven't already. If they don't drink water, you can provide a bottle of squash to have in school. We now eat lunch in the hall at 12:15pm

PE



Foxes and Deer class will have PE on Tuesday mornings, please send a named PE kit to school - t-shirt, shorts and trainers.

Foxes will be going off site to Portsmouth school of gymnastics every Wednesday 10:15-11am.
Deer class will be going to gymnastics on Fridays at 10:15 - 11am

Important Dates

- Wednesday 21st September - Parent drop in session - times to follow.
- Thursday 22nd October - last day before half term
- Friday 23rd October - Inset day

Please remember:

We will be participating in a lot of outdoor learning sessions this term and as the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure children have appropriate coats.

Wellies may be left in a name labelled bag if you choose.