Welcome to Deer Class

Newsletter Autumn 2 2025

Welcome back to Deer Class after the half term break when we hope that our little Deers were all able to recharge a little ready for the next half term. 😊

Our class staff - Sarah Brownlie – Teacher Monday – Friday (excluding Wednesday afternoon)
Andrea Hazle – Teacher (every Wednesday afternoon)
Amy – Teaching Assistant
Danielle – Teaching Assistant
Verity – Teaching Assistant

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please speak to a member of staff, contact the school office or email Sarah using - sarah.brownlie@riverside.hants.sch.uk

Our Topics

During this first half term our topic will be 'Let's Play'. We will be exploring lots of different play ideas, skills and vocabulary that help us during play.

Key Language

Key words that we are focussing on this term are:
want, yes, no, I, me, you, like, Christmas

English

Our English learning will allow us to explore stories about the weather, personal hygiene and Christmas. Our focus stories will include:

- Getting dressed for the weather
- I can go to the toilet
- Dear Santa

Maths

This half term we will explore groups of objects and linking them to quantities. We will also learn about measurement using height. We will have the opportunity to learn about concept words related to height such as tall and short.

Important dates

Saturday 6th Dec – Christmas Fayre
Friday 19th Dec – Break for Christmas
Monday 5th Jan – Return to school

More dates will follow, please check your child's blue home/school link book for letters.

Continued Learning

Explore books linked to the weather, getting dressed and being outside.

Look at photos and pictures of being outside and talk about what clothing is being worn in different weathers. Explore and dress up in sun/bobble hats, sunglasses, scarves, wellies, gloves, rain macs etc.

Explore favourite toys and characters and if they are tall or short when stood next to each other.

PE

Deer Class will have PE in the Hall every Thursday afternoon. This half term we will be exploring body co-ordination.

A little reminder:

- Please ensure your child's 'Reading folder' is kept in their book bags. We also use these in school, but it is tricky if they are not in there 😊.
- Reading books are changed weekly on a Tuesday, please make sure your child's book is in their book bag.
- The rainy weather seems to have arrived and settled! A set of waterproof clothing and or welly boots will help keep us dry when splashing in puddles.
- Spare sets of clothing are useful for any events that require a change of clothing – messy play, art and craft, toileting mishaps.
- Please check your child's communication book as we will pass on messages here to ensure there is a supply of nappies and wipes in school for your child.