

Captivating our learning in Deene

In Deene we always strive towards being the very best that we can be. As we complete our **EXPEDITIONS** we are always such **INQUISITIVE** and **CURIOUS** learners, these great traits of an **EXPLORER**! As **EXPLORERS** in Deene we will be making our own choices, be strong and most importantly **INDEPENDENT**! When completing our **EXPEDITIONS** we will be....

Self Managers

At school we will:

- *Stay on task when working in a small group and during whole class carpet times.
- *Describe what we have been doing.

At home you could:

- *Encourage me to access a variety of different activities.
- *Encourage me to talk about my day.

Effective Participators

At school we will:

- *Work as part of a group, taking turns and sharing fairly.
- *Show consideration for others feelings when working together.

At home you could:

- *Play board games as a family.

Resourceful Thinkers

At school we will:

- *Persevere and stay involved.
- *Use our imaginations to make new things.

At home you could:

- *Encourage a 'have a go attitude'.
- *Encourage me to use my imagination to make new things. e.g. junk models.

Reflective Learners

At school we will:

- *Show developing awareness of own needs, views and feelings and are sensitive to those of others.

At home you could:

- *Encourage me to talk about my day at school, what I have enjoyed and things that have gone well and not so well.

Independent Enquirers

At school we will:

- *Maintain attention and concentrate.
- *Complete our quests of the day.
- *Ask questions using 'what', 'where' and 'when'.

At home you could:

- *Encourage me to persevere with activities... even when a challenge arises!



Team Workers

At school we will:

- *Take into account the ideas of others.
- *Take turns in speaking.

At home you could:

- *Discuss new ideas and talk through challenges.
- *Encourage turn taking when speaking.

Key Messages

Are you ready to **journey** into the New Year with us on a great adventure in Deene?! The theme that we will be exploring together this term is called '**Ticket to Ride**'. I'm sure that we would all like to journey across the world right now wouldn't we?! Well, in Deene we are going to be doing just that! But where we will go and how we will get there you will just have to wait and see! Over the term we will carry out lots of fun and exciting, practical learning experiences as we discover more about the amazing world in which we live, from discovering more about the **Frozen Planet** to **Outer Space**! We may also plan a trip to **China** along the way as we have Chinese New Year celebrations to take part in too! Remember to keep an eye on the ILD as we like to share all of our learning with you. Team Deene x

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all, we do hope that you had a lovely Christmas and a restful break with your families. We have a very exciting term ahead of us and a class of very eager, enthusiastic children that have returned to us today! Wednesday afternoons will continue to be our 'Welly Wednesday' where we will spend the afternoon in the outdoor environment. We might be out and about on a welly walk or in the Mud Kitchen. Please do send in spare pairs of thick socks/an old jumper as we will be out in all weathers. Inside book bags you should find some new 'Proud Leaves' please do fill in any home achievements for us to share in school. Please do share home observations on the ILD. We love to see what you get up to and home and the children love sharing these moments. As always, any questions or queries please don't hesitate to come and see us! Mrs Kyberd & Mrs Wonfor

Developing our exploration skills in Deene

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

At school we will be:

- *Continuing to develop our awareness of feelings, and ways to be kind and considerate to others.
- *Showing pride in ourselves, our work and our achievements.

At home you could:

- *Play turn taking games and talk about sharing.



Physical Development

At school we will be:

- *Continuing to develop our small motor skills so that we can use a range of tools confidently, competently and safely.
- *Developing our overall balance, co-ordination and agility.
- *Continuing to explore how leading a healthy lifestyle and healthy eating contributes to good health.

At home you could:

- *Talk about keeping healthy and how exercise is good for our bodies. Encourage your child to try new foods, brush their teeth twice a day and have a good bedtime routine.



Communication and Language

At school we will be:

- *Listening attentively in a range of situations, including carpet times, group times and assemblies, considering the speaker and listener, taking turns to speak in different situations.
- *Making predictions in stories and linking to own experiences.

At home you could:

- *Share stories from home, visit the library. Discuss the setting/ characters in the story and make predictions about what might happen next.
- *Encourage me to use the correct tense when re-telling stories
- *Help me to respond sensitively to social situations, using good manners.

Literacy

At school we will be:

- *Using our phonic knowledge to read and write words.
- *Forming simple sentences.
- *Reading and writing our POWER words with accuracy.
- *Beginning to form most letters correctly.
- *Looking at fiction, non-fiction and poetry

At home you could:

- *Practise forming letters correctly.
- *Share my reading book at home and review sound cards and tricky words.



Understanding the World:

At school we will be:

- *Develop our curiosity and interest in finding out about people in our community and other countries, special places, events and objects.
- *Developing our enquiring skills by finding out about different locations and places, describing features and looking at similarities and differences. Through stories and celebrations such as the Chinese New Year.
- *Developing our mapping skills, recognising how environments are different to where we live. E.g Antarctica/Space.

At home you could:

- *Explore and discuss places around the world you have been to or would like to visit. Where are they? How would you get there? Discuss the similarities and differences to where we live.



Characteristics of Effective Learning

At school we will be:

- *Showing satisfaction in meeting own goals and enjoying meeting challenges.
- *Using imagination in role-play.
- *Making predictions and reviewing how well things went.

At home you could:

- *Encourage me to plan tasks and discuss them.

Mathematics

At school we will be:

- *Counting objects, and actions. Counting by rote and using actions and objects to represent numbers and subitise.
- *Comparing numbers, recognising what is 'more than' and 'fewer than'.
- *Exploring the composition of numbers, knowing that numbers are made up of smaller numbers.
- *Exploring and comparing mass, capacity, length, height and time.

At home you could:

- *Explore maths within your environment and the natural world. How many can you see, what do you see? How do you know? Is there more/fewer?



Expressive Arts and Design

At school we will be:

- *Planning, designing and constructing with a purpose in mind, returning to creations and building upon previous learning and refining ideas.
- *Developing our imaginations through stories, dance, role-play, small world and construction play.
- *Exploring the artist, Van Gough

At home you could:

- *Develop imaginations through storytelling with toys and when building models using a range of materials.

