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Deaf Awareness Week 2024

The theme for this year's Deaf Awareness Week is 'Love and Trust'. This is a great time to reflect on all of the things you do in your setting to ensure that your deaf children and young people are included, as well as maybe learning a bit more about deafness.

Here are a few suggested activities that you could do:

- Students could be encouraged to think about their own experience of deaf people and share their experiences of people they know or have met who are deaf. What do they already know about deafness?
- Create a Deaf Awareness Poster to display in your settings
- Share a story with your class that has a deaf character – complete a character study or description.
- You can find a list of books here: [Books \(ndcs.org.uk\)](https://www.ndcs.org.uk).
- Explore 'How reliable is lip reading?' – Deaf Awareness How Reliable is Lipreading? Activity ([twinkl.co.uk](https://www.twinkl.co.uk))
- Create a mind map of all the different ways of communicating
- Discuss how technology is used to communicate or receive information e.g. text messages, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, PC etc.
- Sign Language: Discuss what sign language is. When is it used? How is it used? Do any students know any signs?
- Finger spelling – Can your students learn how to spell their name? [Fingerspelling Alphabet - British Sign Language \(BSL\) \(british-sign.co.uk\)](https://www.british-sign.co.uk).
- Research some famous deaf people and their careers – what helped them to succeed? [Deaf Awareness Famous People Fact File-Scottish \(twinkl.co.uk\)](https://www.twinkl.co.uk).
- Make links to science by looking at the ear and how it works. Label a diagram of the ear, explore how sound travels, look at loudness and pitch of everyday sounds.



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Advisory Teachers for cognition and Learning
Face to Face Training

'Supporting Reading'

7th May 9-3

Badbury Park Primary

- 137 per delegate
- Bookable on the Hub for Education
- Contact: class@swindon.gov.uk for more info

The content includes:

- Understanding reading difficulties
- Classroom strategies to support reading
- Finding the right reading intervention
- Proven low cost interventions to support reading including:

Includes training on

- precision teaching,
- reciprocal reading
- paired reading.

There are some more great resources on the following websites:

[Deaf Awareness Week Activities | Deaf Awareness Week Pack \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)

[Deaf Awareness Week - Signature](#)

[Deaf Awareness Week | National Deaf Children's Society \(ndcs.org.uk\)](#)

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