Thistledown Lane

Hazel's Little Oak

Series 3 · Episode 3

Free teaching pack · Ages 3 to 7



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A gentle claymation series about kindness, friendship and the seasons on an English country lane.

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For grown-ups

The story

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The lesson

Looking after small things is a big job, and growing up happens a little at a time.

🌿 Nature fact: An acorn becomes an oak

An acorn sends a root down into the soil in autumn, and in spring a little green shoot pops up. Deer and rabbits love to nibble young shoots, so people often put a guard around a baby tree to keep it safe.

💬 Talk about it

- What popped up beside Hazel's stick?
- Why did the little tree need a fence?
- What did Hazel swap at the Swap Shop?
- What can you look after?

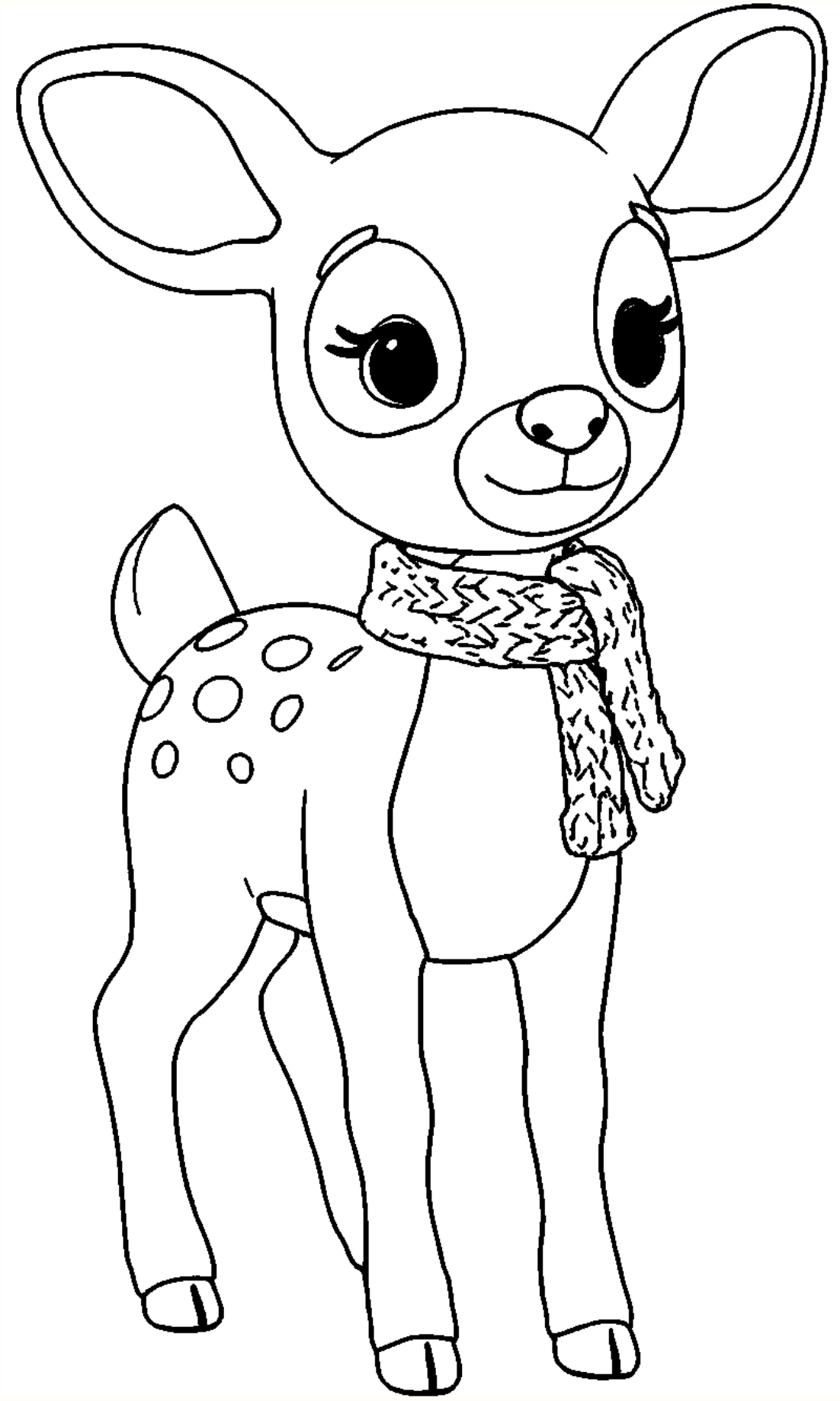
✂️ Try this: Look after a seed

Plant a bean or a sunflower seed in a pot and look after it every day: give it water and light, and keep a picture diary of how it grows.

📚 Curriculum links

EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Understanding the World (the natural world); Expressive Arts and Design.
Key Stage 1: PSHE (relationships, feelings); Year 2 Science: plants (seeds and bulbs grow into plants).
Themes: Responsibility and caring, Plants and growing, Trees.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw Hazel's little oak tree with its fence around it.

My name: _____