



14-19 Department Class Newsletter

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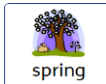
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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a wonderful and restful break. We're excited to start this new half-term with you and have lots of exciting plans ahead. We can't wait to share these experiences with you!

Each week, we'll be sharing snapshots of your young person's fantastic work and moments of engagement through the EFL app. We'd love for you to join in by uploading photos of home activities, too! These can be shared with their class peers during our "Chat and Share" sessions, helping to create a rich and connected learning experience.

If you have any difficulty accessing EFL, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help! For any other questions, feel free to contact any member of the class team.



Key Concepts and Skills

This half term is a busy one! We will be exploring a variety of religious festivals, including Easter, Holi, and Ramadan, while also learning about different artists, their creative processes, and how they express themselves through their work.

In addition, we will be deepening our understanding of a healthy lifestyle by discovering ways to keep ourselves active and fit. Please see the other side of the sheet for more information

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro days are **MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOON** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space. Please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo.



Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Skills For Life

This half term, students will be actively supporting our school shop by helping to stock and manage it. They will also be engaging in sensory stories with their friends throughout the term. Additionally, our learners will be developing their immersive handwriting skills and building on their phonics work.



Health & Wellbeing

As part of our therapy programs—including sensory, visual, hearing, occupational, and physiotherapy—students will participate in a variety of activities related to our current topic. These engaging sessions will support their development in a fun and meaningful way. Additionally, weekly PE lessons will feature different games and activities, providing varied opportunities for movement and skill-building each week.



Communication Community and Friendship

This term, students will be learning about various religious festivals taking place over the coming weeks. They will explore festivals such as Holi, Easter, and Ramadan, gaining insight into their significance and traditions. Students will also participate in activities related to these celebrations and compare different aspects of each festival.



PSHE

In PSHE, our focus is on "Elements of a Healthy Lifestyle." Students will explore different aspects of staying healthy by participating in various exercises, learning about nutritious foods, and understanding the importance of hygiene.



Creativity, Contributions & Choices

This half term, our students will be learning about different artists and their unique styles, exploring how these techniques can inspire their own creativity. We will encourage students to express their wants and preferences during these lessons. In addition, they will take part in weekly art activities linked to important world events such as Mother's Day, World Book Day, and more.



Ideas for home learning

We encourage your continued promoting class-based learning activities at home. Here are a few suggestions:

- Visit Derby Museum to see the gallery
- Take part in yoga or any other physical activities
- Research other religious festival at home

You can share these experiences with us through the EFL Family App. It would be wonderful to see or read about your child's engagement in these activities.

