



# 14-19 Department Class Newsletter

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## Welcome Back & Updates

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter break. As we begin this new half-term, we're excited to embark on a range of exciting activities and experiences together. We can't wait to share these special moments with you!

Each week, we'll be capturing and sharing highlights of your young person's fantastic work and engagement through the **EfL app**. We'd love for you to get involved by uploading photos of home activities as well! These can be shared with their classmates during our "**Chat and Share**" sessions, helping to create a more connected and engaging learning experience.

If you need any support accessing **EfL**, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help! For any other questions, feel free to speak to a member of the class team.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

## Key Concepts and Skills

This half-term will be a busy and exciting one! We will be exploring the concept of **gardening**, spending time outdoors, and enjoying the sunshine.

In addition, we will be learning about the works of **William Shakespeare**, exploring his plays and poems.

Our **PSHE** focus this half-term will be on **prejudice and discrimination**, where we will discuss the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term of learning

## 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 deepen their understanding of the **natural world** by engaging in **gardening activities**. They will explore the **plant life cycle**, learn about different gardening tools, and enjoy time outdoors while planting and caring for plants. As part of our **Skills for Life** curriculum, we will also be exploring the works of **William Shakespeare**, including his plays and poems. This will support the development of **early handwriting skills** and **drama knowledge**, helping students build confidence in creative expression.



## Health & Wellbeing

As part of our therapy programs—including sensory, visual, hearing, occupational, and physiotherapy—students will take part in a variety of activities linked to our current topic. These engaging sessions will support their development in a fun and meaningful way. Additionally, our weekly PE MATTP lessons will give all students the opportunity to become athletes! They will engage in a range of sports activities designed to challenge both their gross and fine motor skills, all while being encouraged and cheered on by their peers.



## Communication Community and Friendship

In our **CCF** sessions, we will encourage students to **communicate freely** and continue to **build relationships** throughout their school day. They will have opportunities to **socialise** and **express their thoughts** using their **preferred communication method**, helping them develop confidence and meaningful connections.



## PSHE

In **PSHE**, our focus this term is "**Prejudice and Discrimination**." Students will explore the importance of treating friends and others with **kindness and respect**. They will also discuss why treating someone unfairly or differently is **not right**, helping to develop their understanding of **equality and inclusion**.



## Creativity, Contributions & Choices

Continuing our creative work, we will focus on upcoming events this half-term and use them as inspiration for our creative ideas. Events such as **World Nurses Day** and **Elma Day** will serve as a foundation for our activities and projects.



## Ideas for Home Learning

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

- Go outside and help with some gardening
- Visit a local garden centre
- Watch a Shakespeare play

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.

