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# 14-19 Department Class Newsletter

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## Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. We're thrilled to kick off 2025 with you and have lots of exciting plans ahead for this half term. 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.

Happy New Year  
2025



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## Key Concepts and Skills

This half term is packed with exciting opportunities as we dive into our Branch Curriculum, which focuses on four key areas: Health & Wellbeing, Communication, Community & Friendships, Creativity, Contributions & Choices, and Skills for Life. Students will take part in a range of engaging activities, all of which are outlined on the second page of this newsletter. If you'd like more information or have any questions about the curriculum, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our whole-school newsletter, which will be shared via a text link. It's a great way to stay informed about all the exciting events and updates happening across the school. Here's to a fantastic start to 2025!

## 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** but please send 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 supporting our school shop by helping to stock and run it. They will also be sharing sensory stories with their friends throughout the term. Additionally, our leavers will be making soup to offer to the school community.



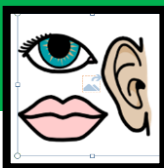
## Health & Wellbeing



As part of our therapy programs, including sensory, visual, hearing, occupational, and physiotherapy students will engage in various activities related to our current topic. These enjoyable activities will support their development.

Additionally, students will participate in MATP activities on Wednesdays, where peers will cheer each other on during different sports, games and activities. Students will also engage with the Soundboard and Sensology programs, further enhancing their sensory experiences and learning opportunities.

## Communication Community and Friendship



This term, students will be learning about spas and the benefits they offer for self-care. This learning will culminate in students offering a spa experience for their school community later in the term.

Students will also have the opportunity to choose which clubs they would like to attend on Friday afternoons. Options may include drama, dance, or gardening, providing a fantastic opportunity for them to engage with their peers in upper school.

## PSHE



In PSHE, our focus is on relationships. We aim to build students' confidence in expressing "yes" and "no," empowering them to make choices and feel secure in setting boundaries while developing healthy relationships. If you have any questions on this, please contact us for us to explain more

## Creativity, Contributions & Choices



This half term in our Creativity sessions, we will be using the weather as inspiration for our artistic activities. We will explore how different weather types can influence our creativity and the unique ways they can be represented in art. Additionally, we will actively promote opportunities for our students to make choices throughout their school day, encouraging independence and personal expression.

## Ideas for home learning



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

- Create some artwork at home, using the weather as inspiration
- Have a spa at home
- Find local events and attend and let us know

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.