



# Little Gems Class Newsletter

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Autumn 1 – September 2025

## Welcome Back & Updates

Hello Little Gems Families!

We hope you had the most wonderful summer break. We are super excited to welcome the new children to our beautiful Ivy House and welcome back our other pupils! We have a fantastic team in Little Gems that are ready to get to know your children and help them to achieve their full potential.

I am Ruby, the early years lead and class teacher, but our incredible team includes **Laura-Jane, Rashpal, Shazia, Aliyah, Jane, Karen, Nicci and Lyndsey**. If at any time, you need to ask questions or talk to us please feel free. A positive relationship between home and school is vital for a good foundation of education for your children!

You can email me any time on [ruby.rogers@ivy.set.org](mailto:ruby.rogers@ivy.set.org)

## Key Concepts and Skills

In Little Gems Class, we follow the Early Years Framework which has 7 subject areas, Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Literacy, Maths (Cognition), Expressive Arts and Understanding the World. Your children will experience a wide variety of lessons and activities which cover these areas. This half term, our topic is "Sing a Rainbow". Our main focus is on building relationships with our pupils to ensure they can achieve their potential. **Please remember to look at Evidence for Learning to see what your child is learning at school!**

## Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our Arbor 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** and **Thursday** 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

## Cognition and Maths

For Cognition you could work visual tracking for colour recognition. You could use large, brightly coloured fabric or scarves in the colours of the rainbow, you could move the scarves slowly in front of the learner to encourage visual tracking.



## PSED

For PSED you could encourage self-awareness and body recognition, by using a mirror and coloured lights to reflect rainbow colours onto the learner's face or hands. You could copy sounds that your child Makes, too!



## Communication

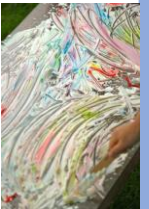
For Communication you can do the 'Colours of the Rainbow' story massage on the page below.

There are lots of different nursery rhymes that you can sing with your child! Try 'round and round the garden' and 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star'

## Expressive Art

Explore expressive arts and design by having fun exploring and possibly creating some different art work! Does your child like to explore messy play activities? Try shaving foam and paint. You can print your artwork onto a piece of paper and see the pretty patterns.

**Expressive art and design is more about the process than it is the produce so remember to enjoy it!**



## Literacy

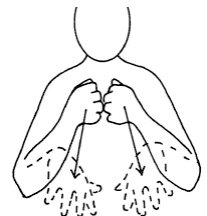
On a Monday morning, we visit our onsite train library, where your child will choose a book to take home that week and read at home. Please return your child's book bag, reading log and library book every Monday and will swap it.



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## Colours of the Rainbow

Written by Mary Atkinson for the Story Massage Programme

[www.storymassage.co.uk](http://www.storymassage.co.uk)

	Let's paint an adventure with the colours of the rainbow.
	Hold on tight and we'll travel through the seven different colours. Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet.
	All aboard for the colour Red. We're sitting on a red London bus. Can you see Buckingham Palace?
	Snuggle up for the colour Orange. Feel the warmth of the orange flames as we huddle around a campfire.
	It's a bumpy ride along the colour Yellow. We're high up on a camel trekking across the yellow sands in the desert.
	Walk gently on the colour Green. We're in a beautiful forest with tall green trees and wildflowers.
	Dive deeply into the colour Blue. We're swimming with fish and dolphins in the warm blue sea.
	Climb up high into the night sky for the colour Indigo.
	With twinkling stars to guide us on our way.
	Tiptoe into the magical, sparkling world of the colour Violet. Would you like to make a wish?
	And now, let's travel back along the rainbow to arrive safely home after our colourful adventure.