



Bakewell Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Hello and welcome back to all of our Bakewell students and families! We hope you have had a wonderful summer filled with all the things you enjoy the most, and hopefully all the students are rested and recharged ready another busy school year!

I am delighted to be teaching Bakewell again and cannot wait for another exciting, busy year ahead. We are looking forward to building on our relationships getting to know the new faces we have this term and getting used to sharing our class together again.

Our topic this term is Potions! We will be doing all things messy, colourful and working on our skills to follow steps and mix up many different concoctions! This half term also sees the much anticipated return of the soundboard sessions with Geoff and Layla which is always a hit in Bakewell.

If you have any questions please write a message in the home school diary or email: chloe.green@ivy.set.org



Knowledge and Skills

We will be incorporating a range of **Makaton** signs linked to our topic as well as symbols to supplement. This half term we will be making choices related to our preferences within our inquiry sessions as we expose the learners to many different stimuli within our theme and our independent work choosing the things we enjoy the most. We will also be continuing to develop our **communication** for our daily tasks such as requesting drink and favourite snacks—particularly working on this out in the community to strengthen and hone in on our communication skills.



We will be reading extracts from the book "George's Marvellous Medicine" during our weekly library sessions. We will also delve into the wonderful world of magical spells and wacky mixes to create incredible reactions to put our anticipation to the test as we create bubbly, fizzy potions.

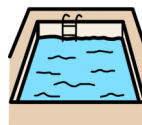
We will continue to **develop** our social skills with others as we eat and learn together as we immerse ourselves in the process of learning how to accept others around us in unfamiliar or busy places.

Reminders

Our hydro day is Tuesday.

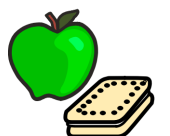
Please send in your child's swimming kit as needed.

Please ensure your child has a full change of clothes, as there are regular messy activities across the week which your young learner will be participating in.



Snack

We are continuing to ask for a contribution of £1 per week for snack via ParentPay. If you have not yet set this up or need any help, please let the office know.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Independence

Continue to support your child's independence with their dressing and undressing. Encourage your child to do as much as they can for themselves such as teeth brushing and brushing their hair.



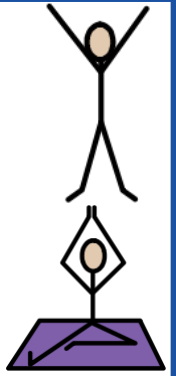
Top tip—Try a song to encourage them to do this regularly and recognise the cue to do so, we find this helpful in class.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Healthy lifestyles'. Try to encourage your child to get outdoors with you for some fresh air with yourself.

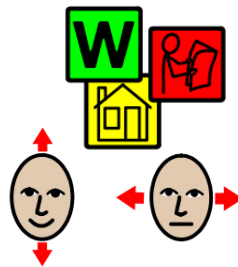
Promote their self-care along with you where you can, share your mirror and let them mimick you preparing for the day ahead.

Encourage a mindfulness activity through yoga or stretching.



Communication

In communication we will be working on using symbols to communicate, to use them to make a choice on things that we enjoy and want to request. We will be working on using yes and no symbols to confirm our decisions and decide whether we enjoy something or not. Encourage your child to make choices for themselves through the use of yes or no.



Cognition

Why not try creating a messy tray with all things magic and glitter to explore together with your child. See how they interact with it and show them different ways of investigating items.

Let your learners make their own potions, watch the difference in the ingredients as you mix them together turning them from solids to liquids, get their hands involved!

Other Activities for Home!

In Bakewell we are all trying to get outside whenever we can! Why not take advantage of the weather (fingers crossed) and get outdoors with them, whether it be for a walk or just a bit of time in the garden.

As you are outside, this may be a perfect opportunity to gather some natural ingredients to add to any potions you may make together. Working to shred, cut, grind and mix them to develop your own fun potion. Use your imagination and make it as messy and fun as possible, Bakewell students love all things messy!

We love to sit down with a good book in Bakewell and find we enjoy spending our time together this way. You could try this with your child and attempt to recreate some of the scenes with a sensory experience to go along with it, could you create the same smell they describe? Recreate the same feeling such as wind in your hair or feel a light mist of rain from the atmosphere. This is a really good way to connect with your child as they listen intently to you reading and they all enjoy a sensory element of their learning.

