



Bakewell Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Hello Bakewell Families, and welcome back! We hope you've had a fantastic summer filled with special memories with your wonderful children. The Bakewell team is excited and ready to begin a new school year, packed with fun and engaging learning experiences! If there are any updates or changes regarding your child that we should be aware of, please let us know as soon as possible. You can do this by writing in their school diary or calling the school directly—this really helps us support your child day-to-day in the classroom. Throughout the term, we'll keep you updated with photos on **Evidence For Learning** showing what your child has particularly enjoyed and been engaged in. If your child has loved a particular activity at home, feel free to share it with us too! We'd be delighted to talk about it in class. We're looking forward to an amazing year ahead! Best wishes, The Bakewell Team.

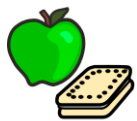


Key Concepts and Skills

We're kicking off the term with an exciting new topic: **'Reuse It – Mighty Metals'**. This theme will be woven throughout our weekly lessons, including **music**, **Doh Disco**, **art**, and **sound boards**, offering plenty of hands-on, learning experiences. As part of our theme, we'll be diving into **'The Hobbit' by J.R.R. Tolkien**, exploring extracts during our **Thursday library sessions on the train**. Please remember to send in **book bags every Thursday** so your child can join in fully. We're also bringing the story of *The Hobbit* to life through a **sensory story** that follows Bilbo's incredible adventure through forests, storms, and mountains—meeting trolls, discovering treasure, and encountering a great red dragon! This immersive experience will use a wide range of props including: Wheat bags, Switches (linked to sounds and lights), treasure and torches, herbs and space blankets. It promises to be a magical and multi-sensory journey!

In our **weekly PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)** sessions, we'll focus on **'Managing Feelings – People We Know and Like'**, where we'll explore friendships, familiar adults, and members of our family. To support this, **please send in a photo of your family and pets**—these will help form the basis of our discussions and activities. We'll also continue our regular sessions with **Geoff and Laila**, enjoy **UV rave**, **PE**, and develop our **independence skills** across the week. It's shaping up to be a brilliant half term full of creativity, connection, and curiosity—we can't wait to get started!

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use Arbor 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.



Cognition and Maths

Sensory play is a fantastic way to support learning, build curiosity, and encourage communication using your child's preferred methods.

Here are a few Tuff Spot ideas to spark your imagination and bring the *Mighty Metals* theme to life:

Metallic Treasure Hunt

- Hide metal objects (spoons, keys, tin foil shapes) in a tray of shredded paper or rice. Add torches for extra fun!

Foil Fun

- Scrunch, rip, and shape tin foil into dragons, shields, or treasure!
- Add textured rollers or small tools for mark-making.

Sound Station

- Use metal trays, bells, spoons, or pans to create a 'sound garden'.
- Explore the different noises metal makes when tapped, shaken, or scraped.

Communication



It's important to continue encouraging **communication** using methods that work best for your child—this could include **facial expressions, body language, Makaton, or photographs**. Every way your child communicates is valued and helps us better understand and support them.

As we explore the wonders of **Mighty Metals** through stories, let your imagination soar! There are some fantastic **audiobooks** available online that can help bring this topic to life at home too. You can find related audiobooks on **YouTube**, such as:

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

The Tin Forest by Helen Ward

Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka

Listening to these stories together can support learning, spark curiosity, and build connections between home and school.



PSED

In our **weekly PSED** sessions, we'll focus on 'Managing Feelings – People We Know and Like'.

At home, you can support this by **spending time together doing the things you enjoy**—whether it's reading a book, listening to music, playing a game, or simply going for a walk. You may even discover **new shared interests** along the way!



Physical Development

A great way to promote both fine and gross motor skills is through messy play! It's fun and motivating. Here are a few messy play ideas to try at home:

Painting with hands, feet, or sponges
Bubble popping games – encourage reaching.

Most importantly—have fun and celebrate every movement!



Expressive Arts

Why not celebrate our learning by creating some beautiful metal-inspired artwork? Here are a few creative ideas to try at home

