



Bakewell Class Newsletter

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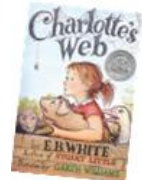
Welcome Back & Updates

Hello everyone and welcome back to a new school term! This half term is filled with a diverse range of stories, sensory experiences, arts and crafts and celebrations—just to name a few. We are so excited for your children to experience all that this term has to offer. Each day will include a variety of meaningful activities designed to ensure your child has the best possible experience at Ivy House. We aim to make every day enjoyable, engaging and enriching—most importantly, supporting children to learn through fun and exploration. 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 a note in their school diary or by calling the school office directly. Sharing this information helps us provide the best support for your child each day in the classroom.

Key Concepts and Skills

Our theme this half term is “First the Egg”, with a specific focus on the classic novels Charlotte’s Web and Watership Down. Our sensory story sessions will bring the memorable moments of Charlotte’s Web to life through the exploration of props, music, symbols and images, helping to fully immerse the children in the story. These sessions will also incorporate key themes such as the funfair, the farm and spiders—along with a variety of sensory elements, including different related smells. We will also be exploring sensory light-up eggs and using pretend eggs as the inspiration for some of our arts and crafts activities.

In addition, children will take a deeper look at the life cycle of an egg, discovering how eggs turn into chickens through hands-on sensory stories and exploratory activities.



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 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

◆ Explore different sensory items relating to Charlotte's Web – Including corn, pretend mud and hay. Allow time to explore these items with our hands and even our feet!



◆ Listen to our 'on the egg' themed songs on YOUTUBE:

–Shaky egg-

<https://youtu.be/4xpJoPKrt6s>

– Chick Chick Chicken-

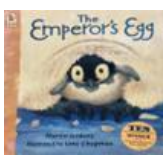
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Communication



Share story or audio books which involve eggs, such as:



You could even read pages of Charlotte's Web to your child before they go to bed– what a lovely and memorable way to end the day! If you require a copy– we do have a few available to loan as a library book.

Understanding the World

◆ Visit a local farm together and enjoy listening to the different sounds that each animal makes.



◆ Why not visit Derby museum to look at the different ways humans have changes over the decades



Physical

◆ Join in to action songs such as 'Move and Freeze' as part of 'The Learning Station'. Encourage anticipation of the music. You could also explore some sensory bins!



PSHE/RSE



This half term, our PSHE focus is self-awareness. Pupils will be responding to a range of stimuli that show kindness and unkindness, helping them to recognize emotions.

To support your child's learning, please offer regular choices using communication that is most meaningful for them. This may include choices such as:

- Listening to different types of music
- Choosing an audio book to listen to

Expressive Arts

◆ Have a messy day! Explore different textures of mud and hay! Remember to wear an apron :-)

◆ Create animals using your hands. A great way to incorporate physical development and art.

