



# Bakewell Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2

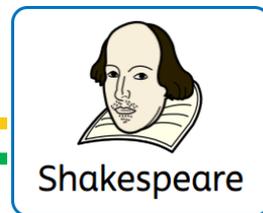
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## Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back, Bakewell families! We hope you have enjoyed a restful week off, filled with wonderful memories made with your loved ones. This half term is going to be a great one, packed with exciting adventures and fun experiences—we can't wait to get started again! This half term, our learning will be based around our topic 'In Rehearsal', where students will explore, practice and develop their skills through engaging and creative activities.

Check out **Evidence for Learning** for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term, and keep an eye on our social media pages, too!



Shakespeare



## Key Concepts and Skills

Our topic this half term is a very exciting one – '**In Rehearsal**'. We will be focusing on the play **Macbeth** by William Shakespeare, exploring a sensory story linked to the play. This will involve creating sounds using microphones, exploring different scents and much, much more.

We will also be exploring a range of performances, including circuses and stage plays. Music will play a big part in our week too, as students use soundboards to create rhymes, explore a variety of musical instruments and enjoy singing different songs and rhymes.

Our independent sessions will continue to be a daily focus, where students will build on their skills in spreading bread.

Communication remains at the heart of everything we do and our students will have endless opportunities to tell us what they want and need through the use of TOBIs, symbols, Makaton and their voices.

## 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 day is a **Monday** and **Tuesday** 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.



Please send appropriate clothing suitable for the weather.



# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Cognition/Communication

At home, you could play musical statues with your child, focusing on the key words "go" and "stop".

When you stop the music, will your child move their body independently to indicate they want the music back on?



Music

## PSED

In PSHE, we will be learning about finances. We will explore what money is, how it is used, and how it helps us buy different goods. As part of this topic, the children will practice filling shopping baskets with food items and pulling or pushing them. You could support this independence skill at home by visiting a supermarket and encouraging your child to push a wheeled shopping basket or even a trolley, where appropriate.



## Communication



During all of our activities, we consistently encourage students to communicate — whether that's expressing likes and dislikes or letting us know when they have finished. Through our In Rehearsal topic, we support your child in communicating during every activity they take part in, however that may be. This could be through gestures, sounds, signs, symbols, or actions, and it's always exciting to see them expressing themselves. We'd love to hear how your child is using these opportunities to communicate at home too!

## Physical Development



During the school day, the children at Bakewell play outside daily on the playground, weather permitting. They enjoy using the swings and roundabout, as well as kicking or throwing a ball to one another. To support your child's physical development, we encourage you to take every opportunity to explore the outdoors together and enjoy all that nature has to offer.

## Reading

On Wednesday afternoons, we will be visiting our Train Library to enjoy some relaxed reading time and get lost in the wonderful books it has to offer.

At home, you could also listen to Macbeth: A Shakespeare Story for Kids as an audiobook together.



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Book

## Expressive Arts

To celebrate this term's topic, **In Rehearsal**, you could create a Macbeth mask at home. Decorate it together to help express your child's individuality. Don't forget to send us a photo on Evidence for Learning so we can look at it together as a class!

