



Calke Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back, Calke families!

We are getting ready for a busy, fun filled half term. We are going to be exploring our new topic as well as many exciting special days such as:

- Mental Health week
- Beach Day.

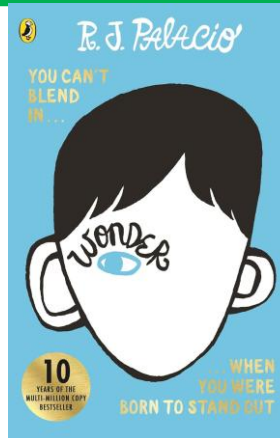
Keep an eye out for EFL for some lovely photos. If you have any questions, please contact me
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Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, we are going to be talking about growing up. This will be learning about the life cycle of a human and learning about different aspects of life as we grow and change. We will be focusing on labeling body parts; arms, legs and eyes. We will also be making funny faces as we explore Picasso style of art cubism. The story we will focus on this time is Wonder by R. J. Palacio. Please see the link below of a short, adapted version of the book.

https://youtu.be/b2zG_lb31y0



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.

Our Library days are **Mondays** please send books in each week so students can choose a new one to bring home.

This half term our hydro day is **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

Help with sorting out the washing. Are they able to match up socks correctly or sort things into piles of clothes.

Sort by color, or by size small items of clothes or larger items.



PSHE



In PSHE, our focus is on relationships. We aim to build students' confidence in expressing "yes" and "no," empowering them to make choices and feel secure in setting boundaries while developing healthy relationships. If you have any questions on this, please contact us for us to explain more. We will also be looking at families why not spend some time looking from photos to identify family members.

Communication

For Communication have some quiet time together and do a sensory story.

Are there any items that you like more than another. Can your child ask for more of a particular item?

What do you think of the story?

Sorting socks a sensory challenge

[PowerPoint Presentation](#)



Communication

Physical Development

We are exploring a lot of movement around everyday activities to help with our preparing for adulthood.

We will be getting ready for beach day at the end of term. Why not have a go at a physical story about going to the beach

Please find below a video for a physical sensory story

[MATP Beach Surf Sensory Story](#)

Literacy

In class, we are reading about growing up and life as adults. Are there any favourite stories about growing up that you like to read?

Can your children help to turn the page? Can they point to an animal or word in the story?

Below is a link for a story

[Never Grow Up by Roald Dahl and illustrated by Quintin Blake - Kids Book Read Aloud](#)



Makaton Signs

We are going to learning lots of signs this half term about growing up. If you would like a full list please let us know.



Teenager