



Diamonds Class Newsletter

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Welcome back & updates

I hope you all had a lovely break! As we begin the new half term, we're excited for a few busy weeks ahead, full of fun activities and engaging learning. (With hopefully some better weather) I also wanted to let you know that I will be having surgery on **4th March** and will be away for a few weeks, so you won't see my face around the school during that time. But don't worry **routines will stay the same and learning will carry on as normal with the diamonds team**

Please continue to check your child's progress via the **EFL app**. If you have any issues or if anything has changed over the break, contact the office or email me at **jordan.thompson@ivy.set.org**.

We're excited for the half term ahead and all the fantastic moments to come!

Thank you for your support, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions.



Key Concepts and Skills

This half term in Diamonds Class, our topic is **Underground**. We will be exploring the fascinating world beneath our feet, learning about elements such as soil, the animals that live underground, the London Underground and more. Our students will have many opportunities to express their preferences using their communication skills while exploring different materials and taking part in creative, sensory-based activities. We will also be **planting our own seeds and observing them grow**, supporting learning about life cycles and nature.

In PSHE, our focus this term is on **online safety and emotional wellbeing**. Students will learn how to use the internet safely, understand what the internet is, and develop strategies to look after their feelings while online, all in practical and meaningful ways. As always, **communication is a key focus in Diamonds Class**, and all opportunities to develop it will be implemented throughout the school day.



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 **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



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Why not go outside in your garden and see what you can find! Collect different natural items like leaves, stones, sticks, or flowers and place them in a box. Bring them inside and explore what you have found. Look closely at their colours, shapes, sizes, weight and how they feel. You can even sort them, compare them, or make a little display.



PSHE



As our PSHE lessons this term focus on internet safety, we suggest spending some time exploring the internet at home. This could include listening to different types of music or even making a video call to a family member or friend to share a message. These activities can help reinforce what we have learned about what we can do online, showing that the internet can be very helpful, but it is important to stay safe. If you would like any more information or support with internet safety, please contact us and we will be happy to help.



Communication



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You could visit a Garden Centre and explore all the different plants that are growing. See which ones you like or dislike and talk about your choices. You might even smell them and describe how each one is different. This is a fun way to explore plants, develop your communication skills and learn about the world underground using your senses!



Physical Development



The Underground topic is a great opportunity to explore outside. You could go for a muddy walk in a park, watch the grass or soil, and see what insects or animal tracks you can find. You could even try digging carefully to discover what might be living underground, and explore the soil with your hands, noticing the different textures whether it is cold, wet, or dry.



Library

On Thursday afternoons, we will be visiting our **Train Library** to enjoy some special reading time and explore all the wonderful books it has to offer.

Each week, your child will **choose a book to bring home** to share with you. We hope you enjoy reading it together and talking about their exciting choice!

Please **return the book the following week**, so your child can select a new one and continue their reading adventure.

Happy reading! 📖

Key Signs

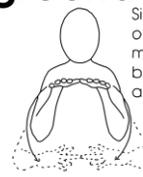


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