



Diamonds Class Newsletter

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Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely half term break and enjoyed some well-deserved rest and fun. We're so excited to start the new half term with lots of exciting learning. This half term, we're taking off on a magical adventure with our new topic: '**Magic Carpet**'. We'll be flying through sparkling skies, discovering faraway lands, and for our story we will be exploring the enchanting world of "**Aladdin**". We'll also be celebrating our very own Star of the Week every Friday look out for those golden moments!

A big thank you to everyone who attended our coffee morning — it was so lovely to meet all the parents and carers! I'm really looking forward to a fun-filled half term ahead with Diamonds Class.

If you need anything or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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Key Concepts and Skills

Pupils are encouraged to use a range of communication strategies throughout the day, including gesture, signing, TOBIs, and symbols, to express themselves and engage with others.

This half term, we'll be using the story of Aladdin to take us on exciting journeys around the world! Together, we'll explore magical places such as the Arctic, jungles, deserts, and many more. All from the comfort of our magic carpet!

We'll also be visiting the library every **Tuesday** to enjoy a relaxing story on the train. Please could we kindly ask for library books to be sent in weekly, so we can return or exchange them if your child is ready for a new one.



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 day is **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.

Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

To support our Magic Carpet adventure at school, why not go on an exciting journey at home too? You can create your own magical destinations using everyday items. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Muddy Forest** – explore with soil, water sprays, and leaves for a sensory woodland experience
- **Snowy Storm** – use ice, shaving foam, and cold packs to create a chilly Arctic scene

We'd love to hear about the adventures you have!



PSHE



This half term in PSHE, we'll be exploring the theme of trust, understanding what it means, why it's important, and how we learn to trust others.

One of the ways we'll be doing this is by going on local community walks, where we'll learn about the people who help keep us safe and why we can trust them.



trust

Communication



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As we journey to many different places this term, it will be wonderful to see how pupils express their likes and dislikes at home too. Drawing on ideas from the cognition area of learning, we'll be observing how pupils respond to different elements of the magical carpet adventure whether through spoken words, signing, facial expressions, or other forms of communication.



like



dislike

Physical Development



We can continue to develop our fine motor skills by exploring a variety of materials such as soil, ice, foam, and more during our sensory adventures.

In line with our Aladdin story, we'll also be listening to the magical music from the film and creating some amazing dance moves to go along with it - a fun way to get moving and express ourselves through rhythm and movement! Give it a try at home.

Signing



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We love to use sign in all of our communication in Diamonds.

Do you know our key signs? Could you ask them to sign for more?

Please find colours.

Information & Events

Please see below some events in coming up in Derby;

- **Chaddesden's annual summer family fun day for all to enjoy 1/6/25**
- **Spirit of Chellaston** Community fun day with stalls and rides for all the family **28/6/25**
- **Osmaston Park Community Funday- 5/7/25**
- **A Jurassic Day Out in Cathedral Quarter Meet Zeus** – the Giant T-Rex, Emily Bronty and friends! **12/7/25**

Makaton Signs for Colours



Red



Yellow



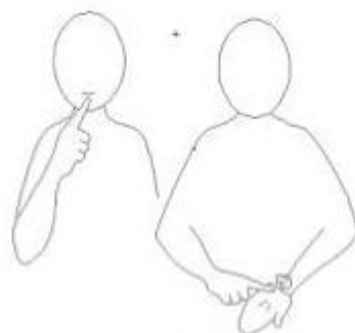
Pink



Green



Orange



Purple



Blue



Outward
movement

Black



White