



Diamonds Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

Happy New Year to all our wonderful families and welcome back after what we hope was a magical Christmas break.

This half term, we are going on an **adventure across 'Europe'** as we follow **Emma Jane** as she visits **different cities** and picks up some interesting friends along the way, I wonder what they will be?

We will **be investigating items** from different cities, developing our **fine motor skills** by following Emma Jane's journey across the sky and **creating a class news report of her adventures!**

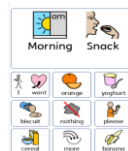
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Katie – Diamonds class teacher



Key Concepts and Skills

We will be incorporating a range of **Makaton** and **topic-based language** including; **fly, cities, world and adventure**. This half term we will be developing our **communication**, through a range of different ways, using our **communication boards** in all aspects of our day, **Phonics** to promote our verbal speech, using **PECs to choose more** of an activity and extending our learning through consistent use of now and next cards.



In **cognition**, we will be looking at how we can progress our **switch skills** in different contexts and use our **problem-solving skills** to thread laces and build city towers. In math, we will be looking at **counting to and on from 6**, **begin to explore mass and capacity and identify 2D shapes around school**.



Reminders / additional information



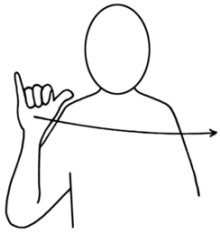
If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

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.

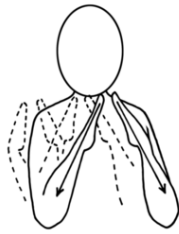


Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Makaton



Airplane



Cities



Both hands move forward, right remaining behind left

Adventure

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we are **exploring feelings**.

We will be working on our PLG targets of **understanding how others feel**, thinking about how we feel **and recognising different feelings during our colour monster dance**.

Before snack and lunch, we will wash our hands and develop our **independence**.



Reading

Diamonds **reading superstars** will be changing their reading books on a **Friday**. When you read with your child at home, **please fill in their reading diary**.

Let's have a **fantastic year of reading**. We will soon be using our **new train library, Choo! Choo!!**



Physical Development

Our PE lessons are led by Jim, and this half term, we are **developing our balance and coordination** as well as learning how to have a **controlled stop** while on rebound therapy!

In hydro, we are **developing independent swimming**



Literacy

We have fantastic **story writers and tellers** in Diamonds, and this half term we will be **creating a class newspaper report** all about **Emma Jane!**

We will use **mark-making, sensory writing and colourful semantics** to create a wonderful piece of work.

Grab your pens and pencils Diamonds, we have an adventure to report about!



Creative Arts

This half term in Expressive we will be exploring **dance and drama**, where we will be exploring different **feelings through dance**.

We will be acting out the actions of the mystery friend Emma Jane pics up on her adventures and creating a map of the world.

