



# Diamonds Class Newsletter

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**inspire nurture empower**

Spring 2 – March 2025

## Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back Diamonds,

Spring is just around the corner and Diamonds are super excited to explore our new topic '**Plants & Growth**'. This is the perfect time of year to '**dig**' into plants and watch our **seeds** grow into flowers – keep an eye out for our sunflowers coming home.

We will be exploring **James and the Giant Peach** for our story and will explore lots of the wonderful smells and tastes along the way.

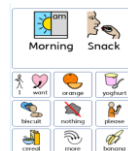
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## Key Concepts and Skills

We will be incorporating a range of **Makaton** and **topic-based language** including; **seed, grow, spring, water and soil**. 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 **symbols 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 height and length**.



## Reminders / additional information



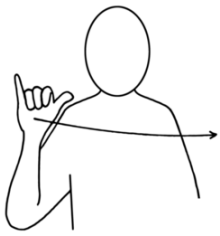
If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.



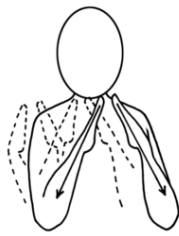
This half term our hydro day is **Monday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.

# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Makaton



seed



soil

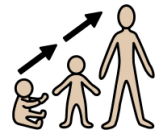


water

Both hands move forward, right remaining behind left

## PSHE

In PSHE this half term, we are looking at **changes – how our body changes as we grow.**



We will be working on our PLG targets of **consent – which began to explore in the Autumn term and looking at how we grow.**

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.**



## Physical Development

In our PE lessons 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 **instruction on how to grow a flower.**

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 **different textures of leaves through printing.**

We are mixing science and art together this half term to explore melting frozen flowers and leaves to create watercolour pictures.

