



Emeralds Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates

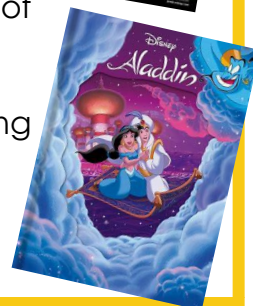
Happy New Year and **welcome back** Emeralds families!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

Emeralds class have a busy and fun filled half term ahead of them, full of amazing activities as we fly through the sky on our **magic carpet** and **explore** the wonders of **different countries** around the world!

Please let the school office know if there are **any new updates** regarding your child so we can update our records.

If you have **any questions** or need to get in touch, please email myself Rachel.Whittaker@ivy.set.org **Rachel Whittaker – Class Teacher**



Key Concepts and Skills

Communication remains at the heart of everything we do in Emeralds. Pupils are encouraged to use and develop a wide range of communication strategies to suit their individual needs throughout their school day, including **Makaton signing, Symbols, Objects of Reference, TOBIs, Switches, Vocalisations** and the use of **high tech AAC**.

We will be **exploring** the wider world **using all our senses** as well as creating a beautiful array of artwork from each country we visit on our '**Magic Carpet** adventures. As well as enjoying the story 'Aladdin - the Arabian Nights'.



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, fruit, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro days are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** 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.



Our **library** day continues to be **Thursdays**.

Cognition and Maths



- In Emeralds we love 'making things happen' through different cause and effect activities. One of favourite things is knocking things down.
- You could try this simple game at home. It doesn't have to be snowman themed you could try a tower of stacked plastic cups and a ball.

PHSE



- In PHSE this half term we have been exploring Self – care, support and Safety.
- We have been continuing to work on teeth brushing and hand washing. Plus, learning how to keep safe in different types of weather.



Communication



- We would love to hear about your child's communication at home.
- It would be great if you could send a photo in or upload one to EFL of your child making choices at home so that we can share and celebrate their successes with their friends in class.

Physical Development



- Dough Disco is a fun way to work on your child's fine motor skills. You can access this Via YouTube, why not give it a go at home.
- You could even have a go at making your own play dough together!



Reading

- In Emeralds, we love listening to stories, does your child have a favourite story at home?
- Please let us know in their reading diaries which ones your child enjoys at home, and we can share them together in class.



Makaton signs

