



Shaw Education Trust

# Emeralds Class Newsletter



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## Welcome Back & Updates

### Welcome Back Emeralds Families!

We hope you enjoyed some quality family time over the half term break. Emerald Class have an exciting half term ahead as we explore our new topic, "**Rogues Gallery**"! We've got lots of fun and enriching activities planned, and we can't wait to get started. Be sure to check the Evidence for Learning (**EFL**) app and our **social media** pages to see all the amazing work your child is creating. Need help with the app? Just let us know, we're happy to assist!

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



This half term, our pupils will be diving into a range of exciting activities inspired by the mischievous "**Burglar Bill**". Through fun, interactive experiences, children will explore the story in ways that **spark curiosity and enjoyment**. As always there will be a strong focus on **communication**, with pupils encouraged to express their choices and preferences using communication methods tailored to their individual needs. In **PSHE**, our topic "**The Jobs People Do**" will help pupils learn about different roles within the world around them. We will even be trying out some of those jobs ourselves! In **Cognition**, Emeralds class will continue developing their understanding of **cause and effect** through a range of engaging activities including switch-activated toys and appliances, eye-gaze, and other sensory rich resources to promote engagement and independence. We will finish the term with a celebration of **Easter and Springtime**, filled with fun activities and of course chocolate!



## Reminders / additional information



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

This half term our **hydro** day is **Tuesday** 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 is **Wednesday**, please ensure your child has their book bags and that you have written in the reading diary.



## Cognition and Maths



We have been enjoying tracking lights under a dark blanket, pretending we are a burglar looking for treasure in the dark.

You might like to try this at home by creating a dark room and using a torch. You can have your child place their hand over the beam of light to create exciting or spooky shadows on the wall.



## PHSE



In our weekly **PHSE** lessons, we have been learning all about the "**Jobs People Do**" and we have been exploring some different jobs in class, e.g., Baker, Cleaner, and Gardener. **You could** talk to your child at home about the job that you do or get them to help with some of the jobs you may do around the home like cooking and cleaning.

We would love to see any photos of them helping with jobs, if possible, you could upload some to **EFL** to share in class!



## Communication



**Communication** is at the heart of everything we do in Emeralds! During playful interactions, use your child's individual communication method to encourage them to express the word "**more**". Whether through gestures, sounds, signs, or words, every effort is a meaningful step toward confident communication! If you need any help with this at home, please feel free to contact us.



## Physical Development



Let's keep building those **fine and gross motor** skills in a fun and engaging way! Help your child stack up a tower, then see how fast they can knock it down! You can also try rolling a ball their way and encouraging them to roll it back to you. It's a simple and exciting way to boost coordination and connection through play!



## Reading

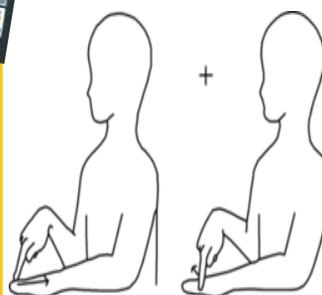


This half term, we're excited to explore a wonderful selection of books that spark imagination, bring smiles and inspire curiosity. Storytime is a special part of our day, where magical adventures unfold and creativity takes flight! Some of the stories we will be enjoying this term include:

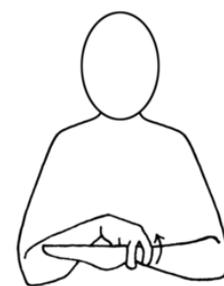
- Burglar Bill by Janet & Allan Ahlberg
- Cops and Robbers by Janet & Allan Ahlberg



## Makaton signs



Easter



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