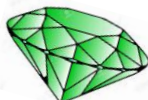




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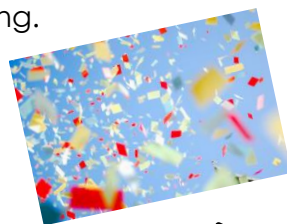
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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome Back Emeralds Families!

We hope you enjoyed some quality family time over the half term break. Emeralds Class have an exciting half term ahead as we explore our new topic, "**Celebrations**"! 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 doing. 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 Jim.Kirk@ivy.set.org **Jim Kirk – Class Teacher**



Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, our pupils will be diving into a range of exciting activities inspired the "**The Scarecrows Wedding**". As always, we will be having lots of fun, interactive experiences, exploring the story in ways that **spark curiosity and engagement**. There will be a strong focus on **communication**, with pupils being encouraged to express their choices and preferences using communication methods tailored to their individual needs. In **PSHE**, our topic is "**Managing Strong Feelings**" We will be identifying our feelings and working on concepts like being patient, waiting for our turn and trying new activities. 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.

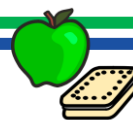
Reminders / additional information

Our **library** day is now a **Monday**, please ensure your child has their book bags and that you have written in the reading diary.

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 still **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 **spare change of clothes** for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition and Maths

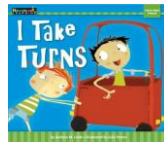
We will be continuing to explore **cause and effect** through a wide variety of engaging activities, exploring what we can make happen. Do you have musical instruments to or towers to knock down at home?



PHSE



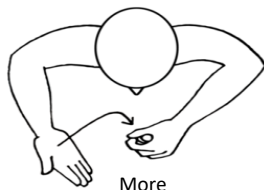
In our weekly **PHSE** lessons, we will be learning to “**Manage Strong Feelings**”. We will try to identify our feelings, and learn about waiting and taking turns, trying new things and keeping trying.



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 “**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



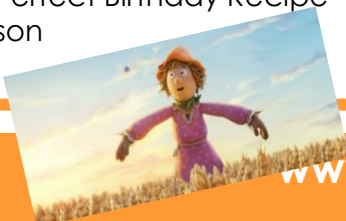
Let's keep building those **fine and gross motor** skills in a fun and engaging way! Help your child stack up a tower, then see how fast they can knock it down! Encourage them to move that little bit more by putting things just out of reach, lift their head and keep it under control for a little longer.



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:

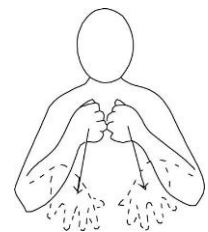
- The Scarecrows Wedding – Julia Donaldson
- The Perfect Birthday Recipe – Katy Hudson



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