



# Class Newsletter

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## Welcome Back & Updates

**Welcome Back**, Emeralds Families!

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. This half term promises to be full of energy - literally and figuratively - as we dive into the fascinating world of **Electricity and Magnetism!** Our young scientists will be setting off on a magnetic **scavenger hunt** around the school, discovering everyday items with hidden magnetic properties. We'll also be harnessing the power of electricity in some creative and delicious ways, from crafting abstract electric inspired artwork to preparing tasty, electrifying snacks. We can't wait to spark curiosity and inspire learning in the weeks ahead!

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

As part of our Electricity and Magnetism theme this half term, children will be engaging in a wide range of **sensory-rich activities** designed to stimulate learning through both fine and gross motor skills. These hands-on experiences will support their physical development while **encouraging exploration** and interaction with new and exciting stimuli. We'll also be focusing on **communication**, giving each child opportunities to express their personal preferences and dislikes using their individual methods of communication. In addition, we'll be using the concept of **electricity** to reinforce important cognitive skills, particularly the understanding of "stop" and "go," helping to build focus and awareness in a fun and meaningful way.



## 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**, please ensure your child has their book bags and that you have written in the reading diary.



## Cognition and Maths



In class, we've been exploring a variety of food items using different electrical appliances. One of our favourites has been the whisk - perfect for mixing up tasty ingredients! At home, you can support your child by preparing something yummy together. Encourage them to look at, touch, and talk about the different textures as the ingredients are combined. It's a fun and sensory way to learn through play!

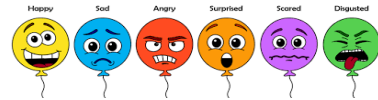


## PHSE



Being me in my world and self-awareness!  
We will be exploring and identifying different emotions this half term.

Chat with your child about how they're feeling today and enjoy a happy moment together - maybe read a favourite story or look through some family photos.



## 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!

## Physical Development



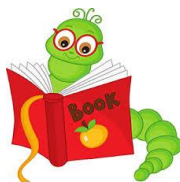
Let's keep building those fine and gross motor skills in a fun and engaging way! Help your child stack up a tower—then see how fast they can knock it down! You can also try rolling a ball their way and encouraging them to roll it back to you. It's a simple and exciting way to boost coordination and connection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



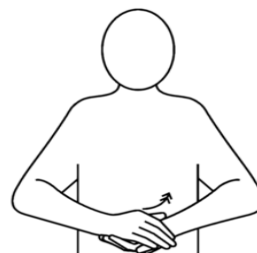
## Reading

In Emeralds, we love a good story! Here's a list of the books we're enjoying this half term. Feel free to share them at home with your child and keep the storytelling magic going!

- Magnet Max by Monica Hughes
- Traction Man by Mini Grey
- When Charlie McButton lost Power by Suzanne Collins and Mike Lester



## Makaton signs



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