



# Class Newsletter

Working together to

**inspire nurture empower**

Summer 2 – 2025

## Welcome Back & Updates

**Welcome Back**, Emeralds Families!

We hope you all had a chance to relax and recharge over the break. Can you believe we're entering our last half term before summer? Time really has flown!

As always, we have a busy and exciting half term ahead, with our topic focusing on **Europe**.

Our young explorers will be **embarking on a journey** across the continent, discovering a variety of countries, **immersing themselves** in different **cultures**, and even sampling some **delicious European cuisine!** We will also continue our weekly **music** sessions with Matthew, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Please remember to regularly check the **EFL app** to stay updated on the amazing work your child has been doing.

If you have **any questions** or need to get in touch, please email myself

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## Key Concepts and Skills

As we journey through **Europe** this half term, the children will be **engaged** in a diverse range of **multi-sensory** activities designed to capture their attention and **inspire their learning**. In line with our Europe theme, they will participate in a variety of stimulating experiences that promote learning through both small and large muscle movements. These **hands-on activities** will support their physical development while encouraging exploration and interaction with new and exciting stimuli. Additionally, we will continue to place a strong emphasis on **communication**, offering each child opportunities to express their preferences in ways that are meaningful to them. If you require any support with your child's **communication at home**, please let us know.



## 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 Emeralds, we thrive on creating meaningful experiences through cause-and-effect activities—whether it's knocking down towers or engaging in messy play, we love exploring how actions lead to reactions. At home, you could build a tower using bricks or blocks and invite your child to explore knocking it down - using their hands, feet, or even by rolling a ball—for a fun and active way to discover cause and effect.

## PHSE



Identifying and expressing feelings! This half term, we'll be exploring a range of different feelings. We'll be thinking about what makes us feel happy and sharing some of our favourite things with our friends along the way. When enjoying activities with your child, try to use vocabulary related to different feelings. This helps them learn to express their emotions and understand how others might be feeling too.

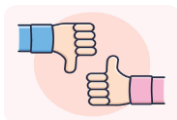


## Communication



We would love to hear about your child's communication at home!

Support your child in communicating their likes and dislikes during activities you do together. If possible, please upload any photos to the EFL app—we'd love to share them in class!



## Physical Development



In Emeralds, we thoroughly enjoy engaging our fine and gross motor skills to create beautiful works of art. This involves using our hands and fingers to explore a variety of sensory materials. Why not try creating your own masterpiece at home using your fine motor skills?



## Reading

In Emeralds, we love a good story! This half term, we're enjoying a wonderful selection of books together. Feel free to explore these stories at home with your child to keep the storytelling magic alive!

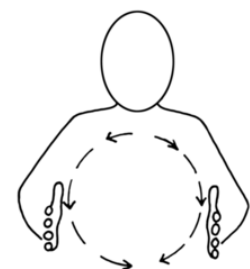
- Claude in the city by Alex T Smith
- Emma Jane's Aeroplane by Katie Haworth and Daniel Rieley



## Makaton signs



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