



Kedleston Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2– November 2025

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Welcome Back & Updates



Wonderful Kedleston, here we go again! Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and fun filled half term, and despite the weather getting chilly and the dark nights creeping in, we will be making the most of each and every day! In the run up to Christmas, we will be designing and assembling our unique Christmas tree for our annual Christmas tree trail, so look out for the Scrooge themed one! We will also be having an exciting inspire session with Geoff and Leila supporting, where we will be exploring our new Circus sensory story together!

Check out **Evidence for Learning** for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term, and keep an eye on our social media pages, too!

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please don't hesitate to contact me on: alex.paul@ivy.set.org (Class Teacher)

Key Concepts and Skills



Our topic this half term is a very exciting one - '**In Rehearsal**', where we will be exploring a range of performances, such as circuses and stage plays! We will be exploring a personalised sensory story called 'Kedleston in the Castle' where we will encounter clowns, acrobats and the different smells and sights that often fill a circus tent. We will also be delving into the world of Scrooge in a Christmas Carol, in a more immersive and focused communication session. We will be engaging in the process of making mushy peas for Bonfire Night, and of course we will be getting creative with Christmas bakes and crafts! In cognition, we will be acting as music technicians with the CD player, and we will use the soundboards, continuing with the fantastic play and curiosity we demonstrated last half term, but this time with circus and winter props! We will have music lessons with Matthew every Monday afternoon and Rebound on a Monday morning.

Communication remains at the heart of all we do, and our pupils will have endless opportunities to tell us what they want and need by using TOBIs, symbols, switches and of course, their loud voices!

Reminders / additional information



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

This half term our hydro day is a **Tuesday morning** and **Wednesday afternoon** 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.



Please send appropriate warm clothing now it's getting much colder.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition/Communication

In Cognition, we are going to be using music as a motivator, pretending we are music technicians in a production!

At home, you could play musical statues with your child, focusing on the key words "go" and "stop".

When you stop the music, will your child move their body independently to indicate they want the music back on?



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Finances', and we will be exploring this topic through combining PSHE with our physical curriculum.

We will be using a resistance band to practise scanning items through a checkout, working collaboratively to move from side to side, knocking down towers of shopping items, and scooting around on the scoot board 'trolley'!



Christmas

Wollaton Hall are hosting their annual Winter Light Trail, a stunning event. Your child will be entitled to a free carer ticket, and there is a changing places toilet located in the lower courtyard.



Christmas Baking

There's no better way to celebrate the festive period than to do some baking!

Shortbread is so easy to make, and helps develop our fine and gross motor skills, too!

Here is a simple, vegan, recipe to follow, and you can then decorate as desired! –

[Vegan Shortbread - Wallflower Kitchen](#)

Reading

We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

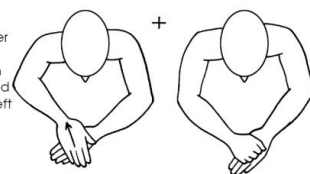
Here are some books you could read together that link to our topic:

- A Christmas Carol [A Christmas Carol. PG 6+. Charles Dickens - Retold by Tony Mitton. Illustrated Children's audiobook.](#)
- Paddington at the Circus [Paddington at the Circus | Paddington Bear Kids Book Read Aloud](#)

Makaton Signs

Christmas

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



Circus