



Class Newsletter

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Spring Term 1 – January 2025



Welcome Back & Updates

Happy New Year to our wonderful Kedleston pupils and families! I hope the Christmas break offered some time to relax and spend time with loved ones, and that you're feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead – I know I can't wait!

Our new topic is Asia which is especially exciting as we can celebrate the cultures of some of our students in class! In February, we'll celebrate Children's Mental Health Week and Valentine's Day, so there's lots to look forward to.

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 new topic is 'Asia, which is very exciting as it means we can celebrate Chinese New Year in all its glory, and this is what our sensory story will be based on! Alongside this, we will be exploring Studio Ghibli films and pieces of music in dance massage, giving us the opportunity to learn different body parts and make choices. We will also be delving into the world of dance, learning about different dances from different Asian countries, which I think we will all love!

In cognition, we will be activating koi fish 'foot spas', making boba tea, and exploring lots of different stimuli such as rice, noodles and all things red and gold!

We will have music sessions with Matthew every week, too!

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, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro days are **Tuesday/Wednesday** 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 clothing for the cold weather as we will be going on walks.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

With Valentines Day approaching, there's no better time to make something for the people you love, as a small token of appreciation.

Grab yourself some ready-made puff pastry, fill with strawberry or raspberry jam and cut out heart shapes, then bake according to the pastry instructions!



PSED

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Preparing For Adulthood'.

We will be focusing on self-care, getting out into the community, making choices, and communicating what is important to us, ensuring that we are listened to!

You could visit your local library, experiencing a different environment!



Children's Mental Health Week

From the 3rd—9th February, it is Children's Mental Health Week, and this is a great time to reflect on how we support our mental health at home.



You could set up a mini spa, have a nice hand and foot massage, go for a walk and see how many different birds you can hear, and just spend time doing the things you love!

Physical Development

Play doh is a great fine motor activity and so easy to make at home, with just - 8 tbsp plain flour, 2 tbsp table salt, 60ml warm water, food colouring, 1 tbsp vegetable oil.

Work on using your hands and fingers by squeezing, squashing, pulling and rolling with a rolling pin!



Reading

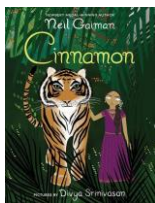
We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

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

Where The Mountain Meets the Moon—Grace Lin

Cinnamon—Neil Gaiman

Kiki's Delivery Service—Eiko Kadono



Makaton Signs



Chinese



New Year



Love