



Kedleston Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1 – January 2026

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Welcome Back & Updates

Welcome back wonderful Kedleston, let's jump straight back in for a shorter half term! Whilst a short half term, it still promises to be a jam-packed one full of exciting activities and incredible hard work! We have Mother's Day to look forward to, celebrating all the hard work our wonderful mums do, and we will be exploring nature's beautiful life cycles in our new topic, which will be a super segway into Easter!

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 '**First Came the Egg**', where we will be exploring the beautiful wonders of the world, life cycles, how tiny little creatures can blossom! Our sensory stories will focus largely on new life and how life is supported in all different areas in the world, going from baby chicks at the farm to coral reef at the bottom of the sea, to human babies, just like we once were! In cognition, we will be getting slightly messier than usual, exploring sticky sensory tadpoles and spaghetti worms, whilst our switch work will focus on activating the song 'there's a worm at the bottom of the garden' – with a sneaky little worm visitor each time! In art, we will be making some special treats filled with love for Mother's Day, alongside some topic related art such as creating fluffy chicken pictures!

Communication remains at the heart of all we do, and our students 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 as we will be between colder and slightly warmer days.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Outdoor Learning

The world is full of wonder, which we will learn all about this half term.

Go outside into your garden or maybe go on a walk. Listen closely, what animals can you hear, what birds can you hear?

You will be surrounded by different creatures in the wild!

Feel the grass with your feet, feel the fresh air on your face.

A nature walk has so many benefits!



Physical

We will be exploring coral reef pasta in class, and this is an easy activity to do at home!

Dying the pasta with paint is optional, it will still be fun even if the pasta is plain! Use a range of different shape pastas and work on fine and gross motor skills by exploring with hands and feet.



PSED



In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Managing Pressure', exploring what pressure may feel like and how we can be supported in making this feel better. Sometimes we need to stop and take some time to be at peace.

Offer your child a hand or foot massage and enjoy the bonding experience.

If they do not like massages, then maybe engage in a game of tickling, or listen to a song you love and have a dance!

Communication



There are many songs linking to our new topic, mainly counting songs!

Listen to and sing along to '5 Little Ducks' on YouTube - [Five Little Ducks | Kids Songs | Super Simple Songs](#) and use your hands in a beak motion to make pecking motions on your child's body and make 'quacking noises'. Pause the song at regular intervals, does your child indicate using their preferred communication method that they want more or that they are finished?

Reading

We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

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

- What the Ladybird Heard – all the versions by Julia Donaldson.
- The Tiny Seed – Eric Carle
- The Oak Tree – Julia Donaldson

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