



Kedleston Class Newsletter

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Summer Term 2 – June 2025

Welcome Back ♥

Welcome Back & Updates

Wow – welcome back to the final half term of a beautiful fun filled year in Kedleston! We've got one final chance this year to show off how amazing we are and truly just taking the time to celebrate what a wonderful year it has been! I can't wait to see what surprises we've got left in store!

Our topic for this half term is '**Rivers and Canals**', which is perfect for the (hopefully) lovely summer weather! Alongside this, we will be making some treats for Father's Day and there will be lots of water play of course!

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

We will be exploring our new 'Rivers and Canals' topic through a range of activities! Our sensory story is based on 'Song of the River' by Joy Cowley, which takes us on a journey from river to the sea, where we will encounter lots of exciting smells, sounds and experiences! We will also be taking part in an immersive room session in small groups, which will be a more stripped back sensory story all about rivers, focusing on one sense at a time and really homing in on our communication skills! We will be exploring the process of the creation of a river in cognition, working on our fine motor skills in dough disco and through sand play, and we will have Music with Matthew every Monday!

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 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 day is a **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 and **sun cream** for the weather.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

In Cognition, we are going to explore the process of how a river is created, and you can do this at home, too!

Explore the different elements one by one, slowly adding them together to make a river!

Sand...water...pebbles...toy fish/boats!

Then have fun splashing, pouring and playing!



PSED



In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Friendships and Relationships' – which we have built on and developed lots this year!

We will be getting stuck into lots of games with our friends, and sharing, of course!

You could meet up with a friend at the weekend and go to the park!

Let's Celebrate

As the year draws to an end, it is important to reflect on how much we have learnt, grown and matured, both individually and together as a group!

Look back at photos from the start of the year compared to now with your child, talk about what they have done and let's really celebrate how incredible we are!



Physical Development

During this half term, we will be focusing on a topic related dough disco – all about rivers and canals, and you can do this at home!

All you need is some play dough – store bought, or home-made, there are lots of recipes online.

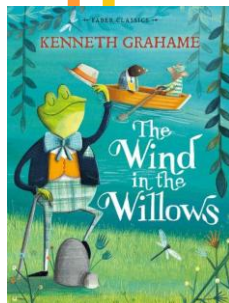
A plan will be attached for you to follow along to, with music that you can play on YouTube!

Reading

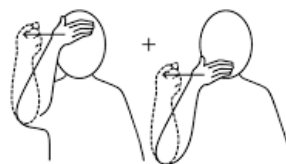
We all love a good book or audiobook on YouTube!

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

- The Wind in the Willows (Kenneth Grahame)
- The House at Pooh Corner (A.A Milne)
- The Rhythm of the Rain (Grahame Baker-Smith)



Makaton Signs



Summer



Celebrate

Kedleston Dough Disco Simple Plan

Focus on squeezing, rolling, flattening, feeling pressure in the palms of hands.

Will the your child touch the play dough with support?

Will they make independent movements with the dough in their hand?

Do they enjoy the pressure of the dough in the palms of their hands when squeezing?

Can they roll the dough into a sausage with support?

Fine Motor Action	Music
Rolling In palms of hands or on tray.	Rolling on the River - Tina Turner
Squeezing With support that can then be reduced.	Summer Paradise - Simple Plan
Pinching Some may be able to start to do this independently. Most might like if you put the dough in their hands and pinch it off.	Surfin' Bird - Trashmen
Splatting With appropriate support, splat on trays, or from hand to hand!	Rolling in the Deep - Adele
However your child wants to explore Observe the your child's actions and be led by them!	Upside Down - Jack Johnson