



Shaw Education Trust

Rubies Class Newsletter

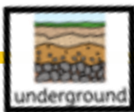


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Welcome back, Rubies!



Parents, carers and families, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break! We are excited to be back and ready for the summer term.

This term, our topic is "**Underground**", and we will be spending more time outdoors, exploring the world around and beneath our feet. From soil and seeds to busy little creatures, there's so much to discover!

We can't wait for a term of discovery, learning and outdoor fun! Keep a look out on EFL as well as the social media pages to see your child engaged in fun and special moments this term. Please also look out for further information on our whole class trip to Calke later in the term.



Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, students will explore the excitement of our class story "Dream Big Little Mole" using sensory props to support communication development and encourage anticipation skills. Learners will have opportunities to dig for vegetables and creepy crawlies, as well as grow cress heads.

In PSHE, our topic is '**Keeping safe online**' in our weekly sessions students will be exploring several types of technology. Firstly, how we can keep safe while using these, as well as learning how to use them to communicate with others.

In our cognition sessions, we will be using various cause and effect toys and programmes including those on the website Helpkidzlearn. Students will have opportunities to develop their pattern and sequencing knowledge through fun caterpillar patterns and vegetable printing



Reminders / additional information



This half term our hydro day is **Monday** 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.

As the weather changes and gets warmer, students are welcome to bring hats, and lighter jackets, as well as waterproofs for rainy days. This will allow us to continue accessing the outdoors regardless of the weather.

Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition



We will be doing lots of nature-based activities so why not go outside in your garden and see what you can find!

Collect different natural items like leaves, stones, sticks, or flowers and place them in a box. Bring them inside and explore what you have found. Look closely at their colours, what do they feel like? Smell like?



PSHE



Our PSHE lessons this term focus on internet safety, we suggest spending some time exploring the internet at home. This could include listening to different types of music or even making a video call to a family member or friend to share a message. These activities can help reinforce what we have learned about what we can do online, showing that the internet can be very helpful, but it is important to stay safe. If you would like any more information or support with internet safety, please contact us and we will be happy to help.



Communication



You could visit a Garden Centre and explore all the different plants that are growing. See which ones you like or dislike and talk about your choices.

You might even smell and feel the herbs growing. This is a fun way to explore plants, develop your communication and choice making skills and learn about the world underground using your senses!



Physical Development

- Explore the Outdoors: Maybe you could go for a walk and enjoy the fresh air! Look out for signs of Spring, like budding flowers, new leaves.
- Gardening Fun: Encourage your child to grasp and use gardening tools to plant seeds. What can you grow together? Digging, scooping and planting help strengthen hands and arms while developing coordination.



Key Signs



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