



Shaw Education Trust

# Rubies Class Newsletter

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## Welcome Back & Updates



Happy New Year to all our Rubies Families! I hope your Christmas break has been restful and full of joy. We are excited and ready for 2025! This term we will be entering the world of mythical creatures with our topic of 'Dungeons and Dragons'. We will be meeting Zog who is a keen Dragon at Dragon school who aims to be the best in his class to win a golden star. We have our own star of the week every Friday, too!

Please continue to look out on 'Evidence for Learning' for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term. Also drop us a like on the Socials! If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please don't hesitate to contact me on - [bali.kaur@ivy.set.org](mailto:bali.kaur@ivy.set.org) - Bali Kaur (Class Teacher)

## Key Concepts and Skills



Pupils are encouraged to use a range of communication strategies throughout their day, ranging from gesture, signing, TOBI's and symbols. We will be curious explorers and problem solve through building our own dungeons as well as going on a dragon hunt around school. Pupils will work on their fine motor skills by delving into sensory bins and see what spiky and shiny objects they can find. We will also be embracing the crisp winter season in our local area so please ensure all pupils bring in appropriate clothing so that we can wrap up warm and get out there!



winter



fun

## 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 **Monday and 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.



# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Cognition

We are learning about cause and effect and 'making things happen'

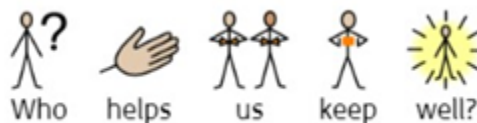
Could you upcycle a cardboard tube using paint, an egg box, coloured card and paint to create your own dragon?



## PSHE



This half term in PSHE we will be learning about Keeping Well and the people who keep us well. Zog the dragon will be helping us with this!



## Communication



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Does your child have a favourite story?  
Can you read 'Zog' at home?  
How does your child communicate at home? Do they use signing, Makaton, symbols, gestures or vocalisations?  
Could you send me a video clip of them communicating on EFL?



Stories



## Physical Development

Let's work on our fine motor skills this term. Can you hide some shiny objects in cornflour and encourage your child to use their fine motor skills to find them?

Can you create a Zog Sensory tray to explore with your child?



## Signing

Our additional Makaton signs this half term are:



Signing



Doctor



Dragon

## Daily dose of Nature

My daily dose of nature

The WWF have recently launched a campaign to encourage all of us to have a "Daily dose of Nature". Rubies will be trying their hardest to get their daily 20 minute dose to improve their well-being. It also gives us an opportunity to appreciate all the beautiful nature around us. If you take your child on a lovely crisp winter walk then please share that with us on EFL.



Nature