



Little Gems Class Newsletter

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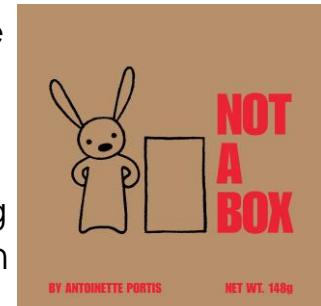
Spring 1 – January 2026

Welcome Back & Updates

Hello Little Gems Families and welcome back after the Christmas break!

This half term we are doing the story '**Not a Box**'.

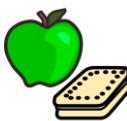
Just a reminder that if you have any updates or changes with regards to your child (no matter how big or small!), please inform us as soon as possible, either in their school diary, ring the school if you need to speak to someone or email me at ruby.rogers@ivy.set.org .



Key Concepts and Skills

In Little Gems Class, we follow the Early Years Framework which has 7 subject areas, Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Literacy, Maths (Cognition), Expressive Arts and Understanding the World. Your children will experience a wide variety of lessons and activities which cover these areas. This half term, our topic is "Sing a Rainbow". Our main focus is on building relationships with our pupils to ensure they can achieve their potential. **Please remember to look at Evidence for Learning to see what your child is learning at school!**

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have a 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 **Monday** and **Thursday** 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 and Maths

For Cognition, you could make your own mystery box, where your child can explore different objects.



PSED



You could create a 'calm and safe' box using:

- Soft fabrics
- Cushions
- Familiar objects
- A favourite scent
- comfort item.



Communication

For Communication, you could read the story massage on the next page. Story massage promotes calmness and emotional regulation. You can pause while reading the story and see if your child would like 'more'.

Understanding the World

You could listen to some songs about the weather and talk about the weather outside. You could go for a walk in different weather or read the story massage on the pages below.



Literacy

On a Monday morning, we visit our onsite train library, where your child will choose a book to take home that week and read at home. Please return your child's book bag, reading log and library book every Monday and we will swap it.



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weather



box

A Spring Walk

Written by Mary Atkinson for the Story Massage Programme
www.storymassage.co.uk

	Let's take a walk... one, two three And find five things that we can see.
	Lambs frolicking in fields, having so much fun
	Then cuddling up to their Mums when playtime is done.
	Butterflies opening their wings with a wonderful display Of colour and pattern that will make your day.
	Blackbirds building nests to raise their chicks Swinging sweetly as they gather leaves, grass and sticks.
	Fruit blossom and wildflowers making a beautiful scene With snowdrops and daffodils on a backdrop of green.
	Tiny tadpoles swimming in ponds with a swish and sway They'll soon become frogs and hop away.
	Now we've taken a walk ... one, two, three
	Let's remember some of the things that we could see....
	Lambs and butterflies, Blackbirds, tadpoles and flowers ...
	And let's not forget those pesky April showers!

Weather Story Massage

Adapted for the Story Massage Programme
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	The warm sun rises in the sky
	And the sun rays reach out to touch all parts of the world.
	But look, clouds appear and cover the sun.
	Then comes the wind and it blows harder and harder.
	Then comes the rain and it rains harder and harder.
	And everyone jumps in puddles. Splash, splash, splosh.
	A rainbow appears in the sky.
	It feels cold and everyone shivers.
	The snow comes and everything is white and beautiful.
	Everything is still and quiet.
	Then the sun shines and melts the snow.
	Everyone feels warm and happy.