



14-19 Department Class

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Welcome Back & Updates

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing half-term break. As we begin the final half-term of the academic year, we're excited to embark on a range of fun and enriching activities and experiences together. We can't wait to share these special moments with you. Each week, we'll be capturing and sharing highlights of your young person's fantastic work and engagement through the EFL app. We'd love for you to get involved by uploading photos of any home activities too! These can be shared with their classmates during our "Chat and Share" sessions, helping to build a more connected and engaging learning experience. If you need any support accessing EFL, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to help! For any other questions, please write in the school diary or email one of the class team. We're looking forward to a brilliant end to the school year!

Key Concepts and Skills

This half-term will be a busy and exciting one! We will be exploring the concept of **nature and mini-beasts** spending time outdoors and enjoying the sunshine.

In addition, we will be preparing for our leavers prom and practicing our skills ready for Sports Day.

Our **PSHE** focus this half-term will be learning ways to manage our feelings and begin to understand about self-esteem and how unkind comments can hurt other people.

We're looking forward to a busy term of learning and making lasting and meaningful memories.

Reminders / additional information

If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use Arbor Pay 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 & THURSDAY MORNING'S** 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

Skills For Life



This half-term, students will deepen their understanding of the natural world through a focus on mini-beasts and their habitats. They will take part in sensory-rich outdoor experiences, exploring soil, plants, and the small creatures that live among them. Students will learn about the life cycles of mini-beasts such as butterflies and worms, observe their movements, and investigate where they live and what they need to survive. As part of our Skills for Life curriculum, students will also engage in creative activities inspired by nature, including storytelling, sensory drama, and mark-making. We will introduce simple poems and descriptive language linked to mini-beasts, supporting early communication, handwriting development, and expressive skills. These experiences aim to build confidence, curiosity, and a growing connection to the world around us.

Health & Wellbeing

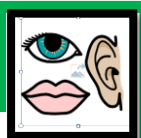


As part of our therapy programs—including sensory, visual, hearing, occupational, and physiotherapy—students will take part in a variety of activities linked to our current topic. These engaging sessions will support their development in a fun and meaningful way.

Additionally, our weekly PE MATP lessons will give all students the opportunity to become athletes! They will engage in a range of sports activities designed to challenge both their gross and fine motor skills, all while being encouraged and cheered on by their peers.



Communication Community and Friendship



In our **CCF** sessions, we will encourage students to **communicate freely** and continue to **build relationships** throughout their school day. They will have opportunities to **socialise** and **express their thoughts** using their **preferred communication method**, helping them develop confidence and meaningful connections.



PSHE



In **PSHE**, our focus this term is “Managing feelings and developing self-esteem. During these sessions we will be building on self-awareness, exploring likes and strengths and recognising emotions.



Creativity, Contributions & Choices



Continuing our creative work, we will focus on making 3D representations of different mini-beasts. We will also be making decorations for our prom.



Ideas for Home Learning



We encourage your continued promotion of our class-based learning activities at home. Here are a few suggestions:

- Go outside and look for different mini-beasts
- Using different media, make pictorial representations of different mini-beasts.
- Read books both fiction and non-fiction about nature.

You can share these experiences with us through the EFL Family App. It would be wonderful to see or read about your child's engagement in these activities.