



Emeralds Class Newsletter

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Autumn 1 – September 2024

Hello & Updates

Welcome back **Emeralds families** and an extra warm welcome to the new families that are joining us this year!

We hope you have had a lovely and restful break. We have a busy and fun filled half term ahead of us! During this time as well as getting to know our new friends we will be enjoying our weekly **music sessions** with Matthew. We will also be experiencing some **exciting sessions** in our newly refurbished **sensory room!** Please **remember** to send in your children's **library book bag** every **Thursday** so that we can board the **train** and continue to exchange books for new exciting stories to share with you at home.



Please keep a look out on the '**Evidence for Learning**' app to see all the amazing work and activities that your children will be involved in.

If you have any questions or need to get in touch please email myself Rachel.Whittaker@ivy.set.org
Rachel Whittaker – Class Teacher

Key Concepts and Skills

Plants and Growth!

This half term our topic in class is "**Plants and Growth**". We will be exploring a variety of different activities relating to plants and personal growth.

A book we will be enjoying during this topic is '**James and the Giant Peach**' by Roald Dahl and '**The Flower**' by John Light, illustrated by Lisa Evans.

We will be using our **fine and gross motor skills** to explore a variety of messy play activities and to **plant** our very own beans and flowers in our '**Germination Station**'.

Our PSHE topic is all about '**Changing and Growing**' where we will be looking at how we have all changed since we were babies, along with exploring healthy and unhealthy food. We will also be working on our personal care skills of hand washing and teeth/hair brushing. Please could your child bring in a labelled **toothbrush** and **toothpaste** for these sessions.



Reminders / additional information

Tuesday is our **hydro** day, please send in a full swimming kit with **2 towels**. Please send in **your child's kit at the beginning of the week**.



Please remember to send in a **spare change** of clothes for when we do messy activities. Please continue to send in **snack** with your child or pay £1 per week for snack via parent pay. **Thursday** is our Library afternoon, **please remember to send in library books and book bags**.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

Cause and effect!

In Emeralds we love messy play. In class we have been using our physical skills to explore a variety of sensory stimuli both wet and dry.

You could support your child to fill and empty containers of rice or to use their hands and feet to cause an effect in the rice by moving it

around or any other stimuli your child enjoys.



Physical

Let's get physical!

Our P.E sessions this year are on Thursday mornings. We always enjoy all things physical in Emeralds like reaching out and knocking down towers whilst crossed legged sitting or prone lying and pushing balls towards our friends. This is something you can try at home during your child's physio routine.

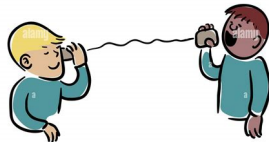


Communication

Communication at home!

Communication is at the heart of everything that we do in Emeralds.

We would love to hear about and see your child's communication at home. Could you upload pictures on EFL of your child communicating that we could share and celebrate in class?



PSHE/RSE

Changing and Growing!

In class we have been practicing our hand washing, teeth brushing and hair brushing skills. These are things you can continue to



Signing

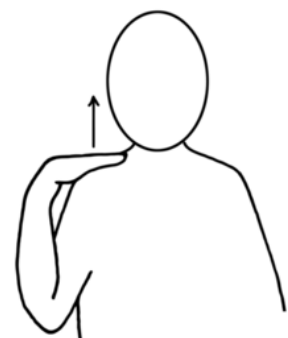
This half term we are learning some topic themed Makaton signs. Please have a go at signing them, especially when talking about plants and/or growing.



Grow



Flower



Tall