



# Rubies Class Newsletter

Working together to

*inspire nurture empower*

**Autumn Term 1 - September 2024**

## Hello & Updates

A huge hello to my Rubies families, and a warm welcome to the new families joining us this year. I hope that you have all had a lovely Summer break doing whatever you all enjoy. I am so thrilled to be in Rubies again this year, and I look forward to building positive relationships with all my new Rubies families. This first half term we will all be working really hard to settle into our new school routines, and build relationships with new class staff through a range of fun activities.



Please look out on 'Evidence for Learning' for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term, and also give us a like on the socials too!

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 - Bali Kaur (Class Teacher)

## Key Concepts and Skills

We are starting the new school year quite literally with a Bang as our topic is 'Electricity and Magnetism'. Our book for this topic is called 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey. He has an action outfit for every occasion, and patrols the house saving toys and guarding toast! We will be following his journey through a range of sensory play, using magnets and also activating household objects that use electricity such as a blender to make Traction Man some snacks!



## Reminders / additional information

Every **Monday** will be our Hydrotherapy day so please send in a full swimming kit with 2 towels. Please send in a **spare change of clothes** for when we do messy activities in class. Please send Library books on **Monday** so we can swap them for new ones. We are lucky to have our own outdoor space so please send in appropriate outer wear so that your child can access and engage in outdoor play daily. We will be encouraging all our pupils to engage in oral hygiene, and brush their teeth once throughout the school day. **Please send in a toothbrush and toothpaste in a named bag** for your child to use. Thank



# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Cognition

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

Does your child have a favourite switch activated toy that they could bring in to show us how they activate it?

Could they explore magnetic toys?



## Expressive Arts

What happens if you hold a hairdryer to some wax crayons?



Can you use a magnet and go on a hunt around home to find some magnetic objects?

## Communication

How does your child communicate at home? Do they use signing, Makaton, PECS, gestures or vocalisations? Could you send me a video clip of them communicating on EFL so I can see some amazing intentional communication

What is their favourite story?



## PSHE/RSE



In PSHE we follow a scheme of work called Jigsaw



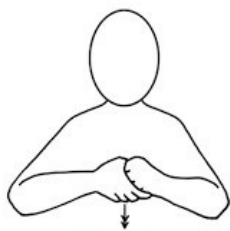
which is online, so please feel free to have a browse to see what we will be learning.

This half term we will be learning about Mental Well-Being and how we stay happy and regulated in school. I would love to hear about the strategies that are used at home too.



## Signing

Our Makaton signs this half term are:



Friends



Happy



Flat hand, palm down, covers top of other fist.

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