



Bakewell Class Newsletter

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Autumn 2 - November 2024

Welcome Back & Updates

Hello and welcome back to all of our Bakewell students and families! We hope you have had a lovely break with some quality time spent together and have returned feeling well-rested.

We are all keen to get stuck into our new themes for this term and, looking forward to getting the class back together again now we are a little more settled and working collaboratively together.

Our topic this term is 'In the night'! We will be looking at all things, bright, colourful and eye catching as we explore the darker times in the morning and afternoons! We will be working on our skills to track visual effects and use our problem solving skills to make changes in our environments by operating lights and sound effects.



If you have any questions please write a message in the home school diary or email: chloe.green@ivy.set.org

Key Concepts and Skills

We will be incorporating a range of **Makaton** signs linked to our topic as well as symbols to supplement learners to make choices on many different stimuli within our theme. In our independent work, we will be choosing the activities we enjoy the most through the use of the preferred method of communication (PECs/Makaton/symbols/gesture). We will also be continuing to develop our **communication** for our daily tasks such as requesting drink and favourite snacks.

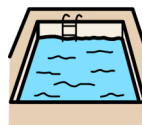


We will be reading extracts from the book 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' during our weekly class library session. We will also be focusing on many different sensory massages related to our topic theme as we immerse ourselves in the reading process and feel the motions of the elements of the story, working to regulate ourselves in readiness to learn.

We will continue to **develop** our social skills with others as we eat and learn together as we immerse ourselves in the process of learning how to accept others around us in unfamiliar or busy places.

Reminders

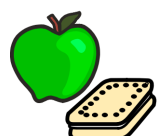
Our hydro day is Tuesday.



Please send in your child's swimming kit as needed on a weekly basis each Monday. Please ensure your child has a full change of clothes within their school bag, as there are regular messy activities across the week which your young learner will be participating in.

Snack

We are continuing to ask for a contribution of £1 per week for snack via ParentPay. If you have not yet set this up or need any help, please let the school office know.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Independence

Continue to support your child's independence with their dressing and undressing. Encourage your child to do as much as they can for themselves, such as teeth brushing and brushing their hair. Or it may be that they assist with dressing more actively now.

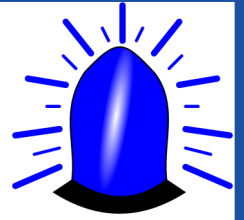
Top tip Try a song to encourage them to recognise the cue to begin with personal care!



PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Emergency Situations'. Within this we will be focusing on taking a look at the many different people who keep us safe in our daily lives. As well as the need for help from others in emergency situations.

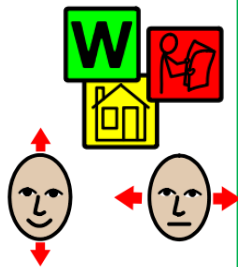
You could promote this further with your child at home by focusing on how you and your family care and look after one another and celebrate the important role your child plays in your life.



Communication

In communication, we will be working on using symbols to communicate; to use them to make a choice on things that we enjoy and want to request particularly.

We will be working on using yes and no symbols to confirm their decisions and decide whether they enjoy something or not. Encourage your child to make choices for themselves through the use of yes or no, for their everyday simple activities you think they will be motivated by.



Cognition

Why not try creating a light display at home, within a dark space so that your child can clearly track the lights and see the visual effects. Is there a light or sound output that you could control with a button and encourage your learner to search for the button when they seek the effect once more? Allow them to attempt to problem solve to operate the function with independence.

Other Activities for Home!

In Bakewell we love being outdoors! Why not take advantage of the milder weather while we have it (fingers crossed) and get outdoors with them, whether it be for a walk or just a bit of time in the garden, maybe even looking out of the window.



As you are outside, this may be a perfect opportunity to take note of the darker nights! Do you notice more sounds when you are able to see less? Can you locate your favourite star together as you search the dark skies for signs of light?

We love to sit down with a good book in Bakewell and find we really enjoy spending our time together this way. You could read with your child and find your favoured book shared together. This is such a lovely time for our learners as they engage with not only the book but you as the reader, in which you are able to in the story through the awe and wonder they show on their face as they listen intently.

