

Calke Class Newsletter



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Autumn Term 2 — November 2024

Hello & Updates

Welcome back to another action packed half term, Calke! We have a very exciting and very busy half term leading up to the Christmas Break! We will be exploring at all things winter and looking at our new topic of "In the Night".



Calke Class will be very busy with winter crafts and have the lovely Evidence for Learning or photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term, and keep an eye on our social media pages, too! We also love to see what you get up to at home, so upload lovely photos and videos for us to share in school.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch please don't hesitate to contact school on: admin@ivy.set.org

Key Concepts and Skills

Our new topic is 'In The Night', which is very appropriate given that the days are getting shorter and the nights are starting to draw in! We will be reading 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' as our topic book, and focusing on 'All Through The Night' for our sensory story, where we will be exploring the jobs that people do in the night time! Expressive Arts is set to be an exciting one this half term with Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas celebrations, where we will be making lots of exciting food and pieces of art. On Friday, we will continue to have our weekly Assembly and our P.E. session with Jim. We then have Enrichment Clubs on Friday afternoon where we mix with all of our secondary peers.



Reminders / additional information

Every **Thursday** will be our Hydrotherapy day so please send in a full swimming kit with 2 towels and socks. Please send in a **spare change of clothes** for when we do



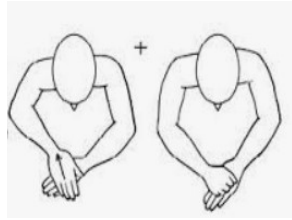
messy activities in class. Please send Library books on **Monday** so we can swap them for new ones. We are lucky to have our own outdoor space so please send in appropriate outer wear so that your child can access and engage in outdoor play daily.

Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Makaton



Night



Christmas



Diwali

Expressive Arts

Can you create some Autumn themed art work? Using your child's communication method, can they choose colours to create an autumn scene?



Could you go out and collect autumn materials to make a col-

Reading

We all love a good book, and what better time of year to cosy up and share a story together, either with a book or audiobook on YouTube! Here are some books you could read together that link to our topic:

- The Polar Express
- Space Boy—David Walliams
- The Christmas Owl—Gideon Sterer
- The Night Train—Matilda Woods

PSHE/RSE



In PSHE, we will be learning about 'emergency

situations', becoming familiar with the different emergency services. We'll be exploring more sensory elements of each service, such as the blue lights, siren sound and we'll imitating calling for 999 using big mack switches!



Other Activities!

Since our topic is all about 'In The Night', you could go into your garden after school and see what has changed!

You might need to take a torch to see where you're going, or some sensory lights to illuminate your garden, you also might need to wrap up with a blanket and in different clothing such as scarves and gloves!

Are there any different smells, such as bonfires? Can you hear fireworks?

You might even encounter some bats, if you're lucky!

