



Emeralds Class Newsletter

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Hello & Updates

Welcome back **Emeralds families!** We hope you have had a lovely and restful break.

We have a busy and fun filled half term ahead of us full of amazing activities as well as getting ready for the **Christmas celebrations!** Keep a look out for your invite to our Primary "**Winter Wonderland Inspire Session**", which will be happening early **December**. We hope you will all be able to join us! Please **remember** to have a look on Evidence for learning for photos of the fantastic work your children will be doing this half term.

On **Fridays** we continue to celebrate our '**Star of the week**' to acknowledge the fantastic work the children have achieved throughout the week! Look out for the certificates, they each have a different smell!

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

Special Places!

This half term our topic in class is "**Special Places**". We will be exploring a variety of different activities relating to different places that are special to us.

A book we will be enjoying during this topic is '**Hector's favourite place to be**' by Jo Rooks and '**In my Mosque**' by M.O Yuksel, illustrated by Haytem Aly.

We will be using our **fine and gross motor skills** to create some beautiful artwork and explore some Christmassy activities.

Our PSHE topic is all about '**Belonging to a community and Special relationships**' where we will be looking at different communities and special people within them.

We will also be continuing to work 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 if you haven't already done so. Thank you.



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 'making things happen' through different cause and effect activities. One of favourite things is knocking things down.

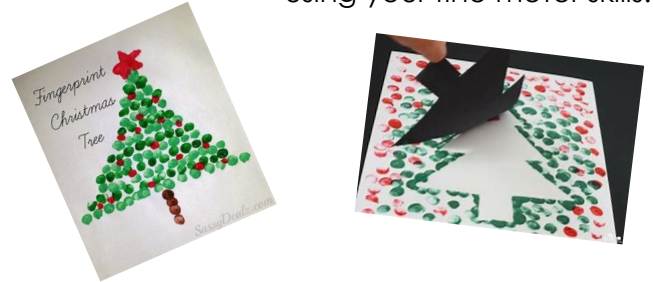
You could try this simple game at home. It doesn't have to be snowman themed you could try a tower of stacked plastic cups and a ball.



Physical

Let's get physical!

We absolutely love using our fine and gross motor skills in Emeralds to create beautiful pieces of art work. This includes using our hands and fingers to explore stimuli. You could try creating a beautiful Christmas picture at home using your fine motor skills.



Communication

Communication at home!

Sharing a story is a great way to spend some time together. Encourage your child to communicate their preferred choice of story by offering them a choice of two or three different books. Please let us know what books you enjoy together and we can then share it in class during our reading time!



PSHE/RSE

Belonging to a community and special relationships!



In PSHE, we have been looking at different communities and the special relationships within them.

You could look through some family photos with your child and talk to them about how special those people are to you.



Signing

This half term we are learning some topic themed Makaton signs. Please have a go at signing them, especially when talking about places that are special to us.

