



Moonstones Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 – September 2026

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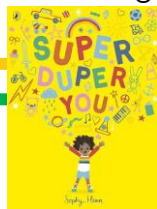
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Welcome Back & Updates



Welcome to our wonderful new school term! It is a joy to welcome both new and returning families to our class community. We hope you have had a brilliant summer filled with lots of fun. We have a very exciting and busy half term planned ahead. We cannot wait to watch your children grow, play, and learn together this year. The vine is now open and where your child's classroom is. This is a purpose-built building and an exciting place for all of us to learn and play. Please make sure you can log into the '**Evidence for learning app**' where we will regularly share photos and progress towards your child's personalised learning goals (PLIGs). If you have any questions or queries, please do hesitate to get in touch
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Key Concepts and Skills



Our topic this term is 'Super duper you' While we settle in, we will be getting to know each other including our likes and what makes us all special and unique. Embedding a routine is an important part of our first term together, this will include lessons across the seven areas of the early years foundation stage (EYFS) framework. The seven areas are **Communication and Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Literacy, Mathematics, Expressive Arts, and Understanding the World**. Throughout the year, your children will enjoy a wide variety of fun, engaging and highly differentiated activities designed to support their development, while celebrating their individual interests, strengths and achievements.

Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use Arbor to pay for it. We have a range of snack options, including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term please send in your child's swim kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space. Please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Please send in spare clothing, we are an all weather classroom meaning we will access outdoor learning when your child needs to.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition



We will be developing your child's understanding of **cause and effect**, at home you can support by drawing attention to when they knock down a tower or push a car to make it move or even use a item to make a noise. Along side this we will be sharing in lots of number songs and action songs. Please feel free to share your child's preferences with us using the EFL app.

PSED

You could try some shared mirror play at home. Copy your child's expressions and any vocalisations they make. Name different emotions as you make the relevant faces, e.g., happy, sad, silly. Alternatively, try a hand or foot massage and talk about how it feels, e.g., "That feels nice", or "Oh that feels cold" repeat your child's responses back to them. Focus on shared attention and connection.



Physical

Working on gross motor skills is something you can enjoy as a family. Going for a walk in your local green space, enjoying kicking the falling leaves or jumping in puddles is a fun way to develop those balancing and co-ordination skills



Communication

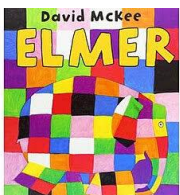
Communication is at the heart of everything we do in Moonstones. We would love to hear about your child's communication at home! Support your child in communicating their **likes** and **dislikes** during activities you do together. It could be as simple as them choosing a story to share or reaching for a preferred snack. If possible, please upload any photos to the **EFL app**, we'd love to share them in class!



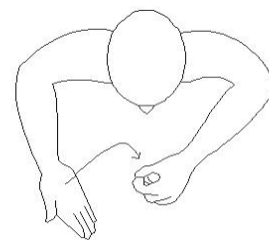
Reading



Sharing a story together or even photographs of your child is a perfect way to extend attention as well as develop connection and communication skills. There are lots of books that link to our topic including stories from the **Elmer** series, **The Rainbow fish** and **Giraffes can't dance**.



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