



Pearls Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 – September 2026

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Welcome Back & Updates

A huge welcome to our Pearls class! We, as a team, are beyond excited to get started this new year with some old friends and some new friends. I hope you had a truly beautiful summer, enjoying some time with your loved ones doing all the things you love and having a well earned rest! This half term we will be building friendships and relationships in class, learning about each other and having lots of fun together. If you do have any questions or key information to pass on, please don't hesitate to contact me on chloe.green@ivy.set.org.

Key Concepts and Skills

Our topic this half term is '**Joseph's Coat**', which will enable us to work with many different colours and textures to get a good picture of what makes us all curious. Our book of focus will be Elmer, which will help transition us perfectly into the process of getting to know one another and making new and different friends, with lots of colour and creativity of course. Cognition will be implemented alongside this, with a carousel of various areas of curiosity and play to engage in cause and effect. Communication will play a vital part of each day, will ample opportunity and useful resources to allow our pupils to tell us what they want and need using their preferred method.

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 our hydro day is **Friday** but please send in your child's 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 appropriate clothing for the changing weather as we move through the seasons.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition

Make your own suncatcher, using coloured cellophane to catch the light in the window. This provides a lovely visual effect and is very easy to do!



Make your own patchwork art piece, this can be more fun the more textures and colours you can find to add in!

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'things we are good at'. Which is a nice positive start.

To support your pupils at home, you could carry out tasks in the house alongside them that you think they would be able to confidently do, lots of positive praise and opportunity to succeed in developing their independence will help to improve their self-image.

Communication

Sharing a short story is a great way to encourage your child to communicate enjoyment or laughter with you!

You can offer regular choices in your daily routine, for example choosing the colour clothes they would prefer to wear or which toy they gravitate towards given the decision between 2.

Music is a great way to encourage communication of shared enjoyment!

Physical

A short outdoor obstacle course set out in the garden can be a good way to burn energy for your child and also provide the big movements they crave and seek when climbing on potentially unsafe surfaces.

A walk outdoors does wonders for us all! Grab your coats and head out, however your child enjoy a walk best, get out there and share the fresh air together.

Reading

You could read a book or equally listen to an audiobook on youtube.

Here are some good reads you could try together as you navigate new situations with unfamiliar people:

- Elmer and the Butterfly by David McKee
- The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
- Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson

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