



Chestnut Class Newsletter

Spring 2025

Welcome

Hello and welcome back to the Spring term.

Before Christmas we had a great trip to Rhosyn farm, to meet the Highland cows and other fun Christmas activities, including meeting Santa.

This term we have lots planned, including creating works of art and developing our love of stories and books. We will be celebrating Lunar New Year, Children's Mental Health week and World Book Day.

If you have any queries or require assistance getting on EFL; please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office, in your child's home school book or email joanne.baker@saxon.set.org Jo, Sassi, Sarah and Yuki.



Topic

This term our topics are "A day in the life of an artist and librarian". We will be working on creating our own artwork, using different mediums and equipment, taking inspiration from famous and local artists.



After half term, we will explore books in different ways, including in sensory stories and story massage. We will be visiting the school library each week and choose a book to bring home to look and listen to.



Communication

We have a wide variety of methods of communicating in class and this is modelled by staff throughout the day. This includes Intensive Interaction, PODD, Makaton, switches and tactile signing.

In communication sessions we gain in confidence in using some of these methods. We also do communication through dance massage, Starbox and Interactive soundbath sessions.

Our sensory story for this half term is "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Cognition

During cognition sessions we are developing our thinking and problem solving skills. We use switches to control our environment and operate devices, explore treasure baskets, objects hanging on an A-frame or use Active learning resources to help us explore with greater independence.

We also engage in early number activities and explore different shapes

We will be exploring our environment to investigate forces.

Meet the Team!



L-r—Sarah, Jo, Sassi and Yuki

Hi I'm Sarah! I have worked at Saxon Hill for 16 years! I have a crazy Cocker Spaniel called Jessie. I love walking, especially in the Lake District. Sarah is a class TA Wed, Thurs, Fri.

Hi, I'm Jo! I have worked at Saxon Hill for 20 years! I have a border collie and 7 guinea pigs! This summer I went camping in Wales and I enjoy Gardening and trying new crafts. Jo is the class Teacher.

Hi, I'm Sassi! I have worked at Saxon Hill for 20+ years! I love to go out & about with my 3 grown up children and my friends. I like cooking at home and trying out new healthy recipes. Sassi is a class TA Mon, Tues, Wed.

Hi I'm Yuki! I'm from Japan! I have lived in the UK for 19 years and worked at Saxon Hill for 6 years. I like hiking in the nature with my family, as well as getting to know people from different cultures and backgrounds. Yuki is a class TA

PSHE

This term our topics will be about our bodies belong to us. If you have any questions about PSHE please get in contact.

Forest School

Chestnut class will take part in forest school on alternate Tuesdays, when Isobel Jellyman has them all day, with art in the afternoon. Please ensure pupils have warm clothes suitable for being outdoors and you don't mind getting dirty!

Swimming & Rebound

Our hydro session is Thursday morning! To give each pupil a meaningful session in the water, we work on a rota. Please ensure that your child has their swimming costume, swim pad and towels with them each week. Our rebound session will take place on Wednesday mornings and we will be working on our physical skills during this session. We can only take pupils that have completed signed permission forms returned and risk assessments put in place for those conditions it applies to.



Drinks and snacks

Please send in snacks and squash for your child, if needed. Drinks of water are available throughout the day and we stop for drinks and snacks in the morning and drinks in the afternoon.



Phonics

Each morning we have a 20 minute pre-phonics session. This term we are focussing on rhythm and rhyme. Pupils have shown fantastic engagement in these sessions. We will have a library session each Monday where pupils will choose a book to share at home. Please spend some time reading with your child each week.

EfL

We love seeing what the pupils get up to at home—it gives us so much that we can talk to them about and they love showing photos to their friends too. Please upload photos on to Evidence for Learning and look regularly at the things your child gets up to in school! We love to share with you the fun and progress that they are making.

Please could you upload a photo of your child looking at stories with you at home.