

Autumn Newsletter 2021-22



Alnwick Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! It was lovely to see all the pupils back after the summer holidays. We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and enjoyed fewer restrictions!

All the pupils have settled in quickly and are eager to get started with the new academic year. We are really excited about our new topic "Roald Dahl".

Our class team consists of Jen Dunn as class teacher, Emily Davis as speech and language therapist and OT support is being provided by Gemma Cooke whilst we await a new OT. We also have a fantastic group of SSA's, some are very familiar with the pupils, but we also have some new faces that are very enthusiastic to get stuck in.

This term, pupils will engage in lots of community based learning, including café visits where the pupils will have the opportunity to transfer their communication and numeracy skills into a functional community setting.

Pupils will have their swimming lessons on a Friday. Please ensure that you provide appropriate and named swimming attire and a towel for this lesson. We can keep these at school and wash them each week or we can send them home if you would prefer.

Both speech and language therapy and occupational therapy will continue to be provided on a needs led basis for each pupil, which will be reviewed as appropriate throughout the year.

We will continue to develop each pupil's communication skills, social skills and relationships through their preferred method of communication (verbal, sign, PECS, VOCA and gesture) in a variety of structured and non-structured activities throughout the week.

Each pupil will also engage in any relevant sensory programmes to develop self-regulation using activities that each pupil is motivated by.

Please don't hesitate to contact us on

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Best wishes

Jen and the Alnwick team