

# Autumn Newsletter 2021-22



## Aydon Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the Summer break, making the most of the sunshine and the return of a bit of normality! This term our topic is Roald Dahl so we will be learning all about his life and his many children's stories.

This term our team is Ruth, Rebecca, Ellen, Kirsty, Vicky, Donna, Phoebe, Kat, Fiona, Ruh, Carole and Joanne. Speech and Language Therapy will be provided by Erin Kelly and Occupational Therapy will be provided by Gemma Cooke.

Our stories this term will include James and the Giant Peach, The Twits, Matilda and Fantastic Mr Fox.

We will focus on the following areas of learning:

- We will continue with visits into the community to transfer the communication and numeracy work we are doing in school.
- Science sessions this term will be focussed on states of matter, solids, liquids and gases as well as observing changes in state.
- Numeracy sessions will initially take inspiration from James and the Giant Peach and will include repeating patterns, measurement, one to one correspondence and estimation.

Speech and language therapy input will focus on further developing communication skills and vocabulary within a 'total communication' approach, including use of PECS, VOCA and spoken language as appropriate. Individual programmes will be followed throughout the school week, including sessions such as baking therapy, beauty therapy, garden therapy and play skills, as well as topic-based sentence building using colourful semantics and shape coding strategies.

Occupational therapy will be working on functional independence skills as well as fine and gross motor tasks, incorporating sensory integration into the student's day. One to one sessions will work on individual targets and group sessions such as baking therapy and fine motor and play skills will incorporate the students SCERTS targets which look to develop the students emotional regulation and social communication with their staff and peers.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the teaching or therapy team if you have any questions.

Best wishes

Ruth, Rebecca & the Aydon class team

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