

Autumn Newsletter 2021-22



Chillingham Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely time during the summer holidays.

Our topic this term is Roald Dahl. We will be doing a range of activities associated with his work during our sensory story, listening to the 'Enormous crocodile' story, exploring all the sensory props and making crafts related to the story using a variety of resources and equipment

For forest school and Art we will be making crafts related to Roald Dahl using a variety of resources and equipment as well as natural resources such as leaves, twigs and flowers.

For Science we will be developing our understanding about the states of matter by comparing solids, liquids and gas and by exploring and observing that materials can change state when they are heated or cooled. Each week we will be doing matching activities as well as explore sensory booklets linked to different states of matter.

For humanities we will be focusing on different seasons and weather conditions. Each week we will be listening to the story 'Serena's seasons' and explore the sensory books linked to seasons and we will be doing the matching activities, and perform an experiment related to a specific weather condition. We will be using a variety of resources and equipment. (e.g. tornado in a bottle, fog in a bottle, raincloud in a jar, rainbow in a jar, snowstorm in a jar, thermometer for children, red and blue food colouring race)

For RE we will be focusing on Christianity and each week we will be making a craft related to Christianity

For RSE we will be focusing on different types of families as well as completing matching activities, exploring sensory books and creating crafts related to family using a variety of resources and equipment.

Numeracy will be based on a variety of topics like numbers, measure, shapes and time, addition and subtraction and we will be doing lots of fun and interesting activities.

Every Wednesday afternoon we will be going shopping to get snacks our local Tesco shop.

During food tech students will be learning how to follow a method for a recipe, fine motor skills when chopping ingredients and discussing what ingredients they need to add to make a dish as well as using simple equipment (e.g. microwave, oven). This term's recipe is oat flapjacks.

Within our communication in the community sessions, our students we will be accessing shops in the local area and the cafe to promote independence, which focuses on developing appropriate social skills within daily living tasks.

As a class we will be continuing to focus on communication and pupils will have the opportunity to practice communication skills throughout the whole day and use their preferred method of communication.

The therapy teams this term are focussing on ensuring the students have all of their core sensory and communication strategies in place so they are ready for learning. They will be reviewing core vocabulary, choice making for learning breaks and access to the right equipment throughout the day. We have a new OT starting with us very soon - Emma, who is really looking forward to meeting the students and will be in contact to introduce herself.

If you have any further questions you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

Ilianna, Rachel, Louise and the Chillingham class team

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