

Autumn Newsletter 2021

Raby Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back we hope you have all had a lovely Summer Holiday. It has been great to see everyone back in school and hear about what they have been up to over the holidays now we have been able to catch up with family and friends and visit lots of places.

This term the class topic will be Roald Dahl, which will include exploring music relating to each story. We will explore character and scene themed arts and crafts and not forgetting our enrichment week just before half term.

This term, pupils will continue to do community based learning where appropriate and in line with current government guidelines and this will include community visits where the pupils will have the opportunity to transfer their communication and numeracy skills into a functional community setting and practice their social skills. The class will visit various walks throughout north Tyneside each Wednesday so could you please ensure that pupils come to school that day with appropriate clothing, footwear and sun tan lotion for the remaining sunshine and coming into the colder weather wellies, coat and hat.

Pupils will access their swimming lessons on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure that you provide appropriate and named swimming attire and a towel for this lesson along with a wash bag containing shampoo and shower gel.

Mollie Henaghan our speech and language therapist will continue to deliver therapeutic input throughout the curriculum and we are currently awaiting a newly appointed OT.

In speech and language therapy sessions we will continue to develop each pupil's communication skills, social skills and relationships through their preferred method of communication (verbal, sign, PECS, gesture) in a variety of motivating sessions throughout the week. These areas will be delivered in a range of group and individual settings and will be reviewed throughout the year to ensure we are providing appropriate and effective input. This term there will also be continued increased focus on 'Intensive Interaction' sessions and strategies being used across the school day to support our students to build and maintain good relationships with their staff and peers.

In occupational therapy sessions, this term the pupils will continue to develop their independence in different areas such as self-care, independent living, and community access. Those skills will be encouraged throughout the school day. Each pupil will also engage in relevant sensory programmes throughout the week to develop the ability to self-regulate and practice dexterity. Integrated work will continue to facilitate the achievement of individualised, child-centred goals.

Best wishes,

Annamarie and the Raby class team.

Please don't hesitate to contact us on

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