

# Summer Newsletter 2022



## Raby Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you have all had a lovely Easter holiday. It has been great to see everyone back in school and hear about what they got up to over the holidays.

This term the class topic is Sensational Stories, exploring different stories from Julia Donaldson and discovering stories from The Smartest Giant in Town to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. This will include exploring sensory potions, magical science experiments and wizardly music themes. We will explore characters and scene themed arts and crafts, sensory food related potions and mixtures and not forgetting our enrichment week just before half term.

This term, pupils will continue to do community-based learning where appropriate 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. This term students will continue to explore the metro which will include shopping trips and to the local café exploring the wider community. 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 and footwear such as hat, coat and wellies and suntan lotion heading hopefully into the warmer weather.

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 also have a newly appointed OT Michael Kelly who started with us at the end of last term.

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. Intensive interaction will continue to be very much integrated throughout the school day and curriculum.

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.

Please don't hesitate to contact us on

Best wishes,

Anmarie and the Raby class team.

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