

Spring Newsletter 2021-22

Tyne Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is Alice in Wonderland. The students will continue to develop their skills in commenting on books, pictures and character's as well as completing their own individual work within literacy sessions and making a selection of craft activities where they will develop their communication skills further in using their preferred means of communication. We also continue to devote our sessions and morning routines, promoting reading and focussing on our pupils developing their confidence in independent and shared reading, spelling application, and also their handwriting.

During our phonics sessions children will be completing various activities to develop and enhance their letter recognition skills as well as their reading and writing skills.

For forest school and art we will be making crafts related to Alice in Wonderland using a variety of resources and equipment as well as natural resources such as leaves twigs and flowers.

During science the pupils will carry out a range of experiments and develop their knowledge around plants and living creatures. Students will begin to use scientific language to describe and predict what will happen, as well as draw diagrams and begin to label them.

For RE we will be focusing on different religions and each week we will be making a craft related to this specific religion using a variety of resources and equipment.

For RSE we will be focusing on our rights and responsibilities in the school community and in general, we will be completing sorting activities about what is kind and not kind, checklists, scenario writing about our rights and responsibilities and various more activities. Each week we will be making crafts related to friendship and respect using a variety of resources and equipment.

Numeracy sessions will see pupils continue to develop their skills on numbers, addition, shapes and data handling. We will be carrying out lots of fun and interesting practical activities.

Every Friday morning, we will be going to Newburn centre where we will be having fun doing various outdoors activities and exploring the Newburn centre in order to facilitate their transitions and develop their social skills.

During food tech students will be learning how to follow a method for a recipe; developing 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) and completing an evaluation sheet describing the equipment and food items used as well as commenting on the final product. This term's recipes are sandwich making, pancakes and a green smoothie.

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 team this term is 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.

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

Best wishes,

Ilianna and the Tyne class team

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