

## Emerald Class Newsletter

September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year. We are pleased to welcome a new child to Emerald class.

We continue to have a play based approach to learning, teaching the children as they play, with themes based around the seasons of the year. I have included a list of themes at the bottom of this newsletter. As part of this we have a nature table in the classroom with items based on the time of year for children to explore. We welcome children bringing in things for the nature table.

In addition to the play based learning, we have daily pre-reading session for the children which consists of listening to sounds, including musical sounds and environmental sounds, exploring rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. We also have story time and/or singing at the end of the morning.

### Children's Profiles

This year we will put a selection of the children's work, photographs of them working and comments in a book. This will be available for your child to look through and you will also be welcome to come in and look at it before or after school and during parents' consultations. We will continue to use Class Dojo for communication, including photographs of them playing.

### PE

PE will start next week and will be on Tuesday mornings but the children will not need a PE kit this half term.

### Library Books

The children will be given the opportunity to take home and change a school library book on a Friday.

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has their NAMED water bottle in school every day. The water bottles should contain plain water. However, if your child will only drink squash we suggest that you try to gradually dilute it so that, hopefully, they will eventually be drinking water. Please talk to us if there is a problem with this.

### Clothing

Please, please, please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform is clearly named. It is very difficult for us to ensure children are reunited with their belongings if they are unnamed.

Jane Stringall  
Class Teacher

Week 1	Settling in
Week 2	Owls
Week 3	Apples/Harvest
Week 4	Leaves
Week 5	Spiders
Week 6	Pumpkins
Week 7	Sticks
Week 8	Hedgehogs
Week 9	Fire
Week 10	Darkness
Week 11	Stars
Week 12	Hibernation
Week 13	Winter Trees/Christmas
Week 14	Snow Flakes/Christmas
Week 15	Christmas