Class: Emerald



Our Learning Newsletter: Spring 1



My Communication





My Cognition



In school we are learning:

A sensory story about 'The Tempest'. Children will be exploring different sensory objects and sounds from the story, communicating their preferences through vocalisations, symbols and body language.

Home learning opportunities:

Listen to the sound clips from our sensory story at home: Stream Collar & Cuffs | The Tempest music | Listen to songs, albums, playlists for free on SoundCloud

In school we are learning:

All about measuring. Children will be exploring different measuring activities such as building short/tall towers, distances of a car going down a ramp and full and empty with wet/dry materials.

Home learning opportunities:

Make salt dough at home and explore emptying and filling the cups of flour, salt and water. Use the dough to explore rolling long/short worms, tearing big/small pieces.



My Body





My Community



In school we are learning:

Mark making in different sensory materials, such as paint, gloop and flour. Children may use their hands or tools for this.

In PE we are learning Boccia skills and games, such as Boccia Golf and Beach Ball Blast. The children will be focusing on tracking, hand/eye co-ordination, throwing and grip and release skills.

Home learning opportunities: Explore mark making with paint. Explore ball games that are aiming for a target and uses a grip and release action such as skittles.

In school we are learning:

Circle time games such as musical pass the parcel and parachute games such as What's the time Mr Wolf? The children will be focusing on working in small groups, looking towards their peers, responding to their names and choosing which children they would like to play with.

Home learning opportunities:

Play simple games as a group at home, such as pass the parcel, wrapping up their favourite items/toys as surprise to find.



My Care and Independence





PSHE



In school we are learning:

The children will be exploring cooking skills and making simple meals. They will also be continuing to focus on becoming more independent with their personal care needs, where possible.

Home learning opportunities:

Explore cooking some simple meals together, such as making mashed potato, scrambled eggs and toast. Take photos to email me me and share with the class!

In school we are learning:

Good and bad surprises through shared attention and a sensory story called 'A Monster's Surprise'. The children will be focusing on learning what we mean by a surprise and how we express different emotions through different surprises.

Home learning opportunities:

Read through books or watch on youtube stories that are about a surprise, such as, Handa's surprise by Eileen Browne.



Discovery Days



In our discovery days we will be focussing on humanities, science, RE and creative subjects.

For our science this term we are learning about:

In science, we will be focusing on sound. The children will be exploring making their own sounds through vocalisations and intensive interaction games and listening to different musical and environmental sounds too.

Home learning opportunities:

Explore making different sensory sound bottles at home, by filling empty plastic bottles with different objects such as rice, cereal, water, etc. Explore the different sounds that they make when you shake them.

Useful Websites/Apps

Some of these may require login information. Please speak to your class teacher or child's key worker for details.

https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/

<u>Sensology and Sensory Packs | Ty Gwyn Special School (tygwynschool.com)</u>

<u>Sensology | The Bridge Special School (thebridgeschool.co.uk)</u>

https://www.storymassage.co.uk/sensory-stories-chidren-pmld/

Class Reminders

Swimming will be on a Monday, there is a rota, but if you have spare kit then it would be great if you could send it in, just in case a spare slot opens up.