

Welcome back to Redwood class



WHAT'S ON

Autumn
term 1 2024

Hello and welcome back to you all we hope you all had a good summer. We are all looking forward to starting the new term with you all. We welcome our new TA, Matt who is very happy to be joining us in Redwood class.

In Redwood, we will be starting our new Topic 'Carnival' and exploring the seasons celebrations and festivals between now and December. We will be collaborating lots our timetabled sessions with Rowan and Apple class this year, including: Rebound Therapy, swimming and MATP skills. This gives our learners opportunities to socialise with their friends and other familiar staff members.

Let's learn about... **HOP TIME!**

You will notice HOP Time mentioned within the home school diary and in the class timetable this term. HOP stands for '**Hanging Out Project**'. It is a programme designed for people at risk of social isolation, who may not have very many meaningful daily interactions. The approach is simple but powerful.

The aim is to spend **quality** 'one to one' time with each learner, for 10-15 minutes, doing activities which they really enjoy and giving them **100%** of your attention. This learner led interaction promotes positive mental wellbeing through developing meaningful communication, building relationships, enjoying company and connection with another person, all of which enable a feeling of being valued.

What you do in HOP Time is up to you, but it is essential that you are focussing on the person. Sometimes the best way to start HOP is just to sit with the person, watch what they watch, listen to what they listen to, feel what they feel. You can use favourite props and activities but remember that **you** are the best and most adaptable, flexible and responsive resource.

Try it at home!



Parent partnership meetings—w/c 30th September

Parent engagement session—Wednesday 23rd October 10am

Half Term—Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

Redwood class team



Class Fund Thank you to those who contribute £5 to our half termly class fund, this supports us in our cooking and sensory exploration lessons.

If you are able to contribute please do so through Parent Pay so that we can continue to explore.

Swimming

Please ensure that your child has a swim kit in school. Swimming is weekly on a rota basis to ensure all learners have the opportunity to take part. Our Swim days are Tuesday and Friday each week.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

At the start of the term I will send out the updated PLGs with the school diaries. Please read, sign and return as soon as possible.

For updates, information and useful contacts, please check our school website and Facebook pages.

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