

Welcome Back to Juniper Class!



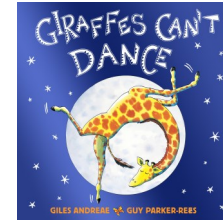
WHAT'S ON

Spring 1
2025

Theme for the term

This term our topic is Let's Play and In the Garden! We will explore our favourite motivators, as well as building relationships with peers through shared attention. We will also explore rhythm and rhyme through story books.

Key texts



Hello and a warm welcome back to Juniper Class! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break!

Feel free to share photos from your Christmas break with us as we would love to create a class book of family photos to promote communication in class. We are excited to be focusing on new core vocabulary sessions and we invite you to practise these at home.

FOCUS SESSION: Attention Autism

In Juniper class, we use the Attention Autism approach to teach Maths. Attention Autism is a learning approach that aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication skills for autistic individuals through the use of visually based and highly motivating activities. There are 4 stages of Attention Autism and different learners can access different stages depending on their learning ability. Learners will access the stages based on their development.

Stage 1: The attention builder—To focus attention on a shared activity through the use of a bucket with highly motivating toys in.

Stage 2: Shifting attention—Shifting attention from the bucket to a motivating activity.

Stage 3: Turn taking skills—using highly motivating things to take turns and begin to learn to share.

Stage 4: Table activities—To transition attention from a group to an individual task and back.

Here is some information about how we might use this approach in class to learn Maths through this approach:

Stage 1: Looking at 3 toys from a bucket, one at a time, that may sing, dance or light up.

Stage 2: Spinning stacking tower, counting as we place a cog onto the pole.

Stage 3: Taking it in turns to foam splat the frogs through 5 Little Speckled Frogs.

Stage 4: Completing a jigsaw independently.

Key dates and reminders:

Swimming is on a Tuesday and Thursday. All learners will now swim in small groups weekly where possible. PE is on a Friday. Please send in a swimming kit and a PE kit on a Monday.

We facilitate shared snack times so please send in snacks to share on a Monday.

→ DON'T FORGET!

Reminders



Key vocab this term:

Please see the core word list below so you can support us with this. These will be sent home weekly with Makaton signs and symbols.

- ◆ I want
- ◆ Like
- ◆ Help
- ◆ More
- ◆ Different
- ◆ Who

Things you can do at home to help:

- ◆ Share the home reading books with your child, using the Makaton key word sheets to support.
- ◆ Promote self-help skills to develop independence e.g. hand-washing, finding own bottle at mealtimes.
- ◆ Engage with lots of movement using the whole body e.g. climbing, ball skills, tricycles.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs)

Please read, sign and return new personal learning goals for the Spring Term. We will have Parent Partnerships soon to discuss how we are working towards these goals.

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

www.doubletrees.org.uk