

Welcome Back to Elm Class!



WHAT'S ON

Spring 1
2025

Theme for the term: In the News

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Last term we enjoyed lots of outings and trips to our local area including the supermarket, the café, Bikeability at Par Running Track and the library. We had lots of visitors to including hairdressers, Salvation Army, UPG Parkour Dance Team, Firemen and Dental nurses. We look forward to going on more outings and to take part in the big birdwatch.

Key texts

Local newspapers

Poems about becoming an adult:
Canvas of Youth, Echoes of Tomorrow, Transition's Dance

FOCUS SESSION.

In Elm class we use a TEACCH approach which is a structured teaching approach to help develop and further embed skills and promote independence within our learners. TEACCH activities are often focused around a learner's strengths and interests and link into their learning, for example what they are working on in Independent life skills or Work Related Learning. TEACCH can be adapted for all learning making it accessible for all. TEACCH activities are structured and support the learners to understand what they are learning and it become predictable for them, learners will work through a series of activities once they have completed one they will move onto the next, when new activities are introduced they are taught usually on a 1:1 basis supporting them in their understanding of what they need to do. In Post 14 we can also use TEACCH to practice sentence construction, sequencing, writing skills and fine motor skills. Many of our learners work using numbered trays or folders with an activity inside to work out and complete. They are usually motivated by the fun element of the activity or a reward at the end such as time with a book or a favourite item.

→ DON'T FORGET!

Send in daily snacks and drinks. Please send in lots of spare clothes as we can get messy. For forestry or work outdoors you will need waterproofs and wellies and swimming and PE kit on a Tuesday.

Reminders



Amber, Chris, Jo Conac, Maria, Chloe

Top right: Jodi (midday supervisor)

Bottom left: Lisa (HLTA)



Key vocab this term

We are practising our counting during the big bird watch so our vocab will be bird and number based

More,
robins

same /different

1,2,3...

Community inclusion: completing a shopping list

Independent living skills: this term we are working on dusting, hoovering, cleaning surfaces and keeping our feet clean and dry.

Things you can do at home to help

Please encourage your learners to practice their independent living skills. Such as getting themselves dressed, undressed, changed for swimming, putting shoes on and off. We aim to push for independence as much as possible and the more practice they get the better.

We will also continue to practice last term's work of brush teeth, wash face, clean hands.

Personal Learning Goals (PLGs) Please look out for new target tracker sheets, sign them if in agreement or please do get in touch to ask any questions so that we can amend or work on them together.

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