

Welcome Back to Juniper Class!



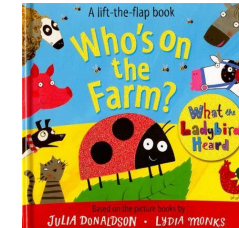
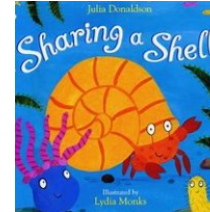
WHAT'S ON

Summer 1
2025

Theme for the term

This term our topics are Seaside and Farming!
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 break!

Feel free to share photos from your Easter 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 revisiting core vocabulary and we invite you to practise these at home with the handouts shared in Spring Term.

FOCUS SESSION: Write Dance and Dough Disco supporting gross-motor and fine-motor skills

In our Write Dance sessions, we are focussing on combining movement with mark making. This engaging approach helps develop both fine and gross motor skills in young learners. Through large body movements, they created patterns and shapes, which supported their coordination and control. As they continue to explore these movements, their hand-eye coordination improves, laying the groundwork for stronger penmanship. By incorporating dancing and large muscle movements, Write Dance also promotes physical development while boosting creativity and confidence in mark making. This fun and dynamic session nurtures both the mind and body, providing a solid foundation for writing and overall motor skills.

Dough Disco is a fun, interactive activity that blends playdough with music and movement, offering students a hands-on learning experience within our class. As learners mould and shape colourful playdough to the beat of lively music and simple dance moves, they develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and creativity. This activity also provides an energising break, helping learners reduce stress, improve focus, and refocus for the next task. It's a fantastic way to promote social interaction as learners share their creations and collaborate. Dough Disco not only makes learning enjoyable but also fosters a positive, dynamic classroom environment!

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
- ◆ Who
- ◆ What
- ◆ Where

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 Summer Term. Thank you to those who have already done this. We will have Parent Partnerships later this term.

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