

Welcome Back to Juniper Class!



WHAT'S ON

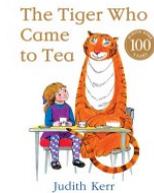
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Theme for the term

This term our topics are Senses and Food.

We will be engaging in exploration of our senses through visits in the local community and food tasting. We are also looking forward to an EYFS bake off!

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 Summer 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 this term.

FOCUS SESSION: TACPAC

From time to time you may see that we engage in TACPAC sessions and we communicate some of the items that your child responds to well to enable self and co-regulation. TACPAC is a sensory communication resource used to develop communication skills through music and touch. Learners are invited to engage with their environment during these sessions through auditory and tactile experiences. This approach fosters sensory exploration and emotional expression, promoting a sense of connection and well-being.

TACPAC can embed current topics we are learning about, for example, our senses this term, to enable full immersion into the wider world and where we are within this. A series of songs, typically instrumental, are carefully chosen to link with a theme, story or celebration both fiction or non-fiction to ensure links can be clearly made. Alongside each song there will usually be a resource that can be used to invite learners to engage their senses, this may be through gentle squeezes using a sponge or twirling a ribbon. Both of these combined enable connections around what we are focusing on, as well as forming connections with others within small groups or 1:1..

If you would like to find out more about the TACPAC resources we are using in current topics, please get in touch with your class teacher to find out how you can do this at home!

Key dates and reminders:

Swimming is on a Tuesday or a Thursday. PE is on a Friday. Please send in a swimming kit and a PE kit on a Monday.

Please ensure all weather-wear is in school for opportunities to learn outside. Please ensure these are named.

EYFS Bake Off—3rd December (more information to follow)

→ 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
- ◆ Yes/no
- ◆ More/again
- ◆ I / me / my

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. Please check your child's bag for any documents we may need your

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

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