



Spring Term Newsletter

Base 4 Bishopsdale

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year. It is lovely to see all our young people back and ready to learn

Our team continues to include Heather and Lucy H base leads, supported by Lucy B, Sarah, Sandra, Phil, Tanya.

Our themes are: Down on the Farm and Farm to Fork.

For My Communication, our principal literacy focus books are, ‘**A Squash and a Squeeze**’ or ‘**Mudpuddle Farm**’ which will link into lots of different STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths] activities. We will then move onto ‘**Olivers Vegetables**’ and ‘**Eddie’s Garden**’ learning about life processes/plants how fruit and vegetables grow and healthy eating.

Students will continue to work in alternating small literacy and numeracy groups. In My Cognition/numeracy, we will develop our addition and subtraction skills. My World will focus on the farm: how a farm works, animals and their young, the process of farm to fork, varying products produced by different types of farming.

Forest school is on Tuesday mornings, and we will take part in a school project on RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, you could do this at home as a family too.

Creative art lessons will also link to our main theme, and we plan to construct and build class displays using various media types to offer a learning environment and opportunity to showcase our students’ talents.

My Physical/PE sessions will include gymnastics and yoga, with ‘walk & talk’ outside time each day- this supports our mental health and wellbeing too. Students who swim need to bring kit on Mondays please. We have also added a fine motor session to the timetable to develop those independent skills linked to dressing and every day functional tasks.

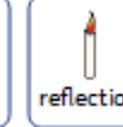
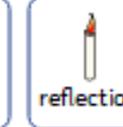
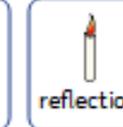
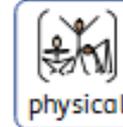
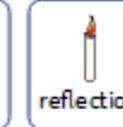
ASDAN My Independence for secondary students will continue to work on Friends Relationships and the community.

The school nurse will also support us this term with regards to hygiene and how our body changes as we get older.

Please keep in touch via communication books and email . We also love to see what you have been up at weekends and in the holidays so please upload pictures to Tapestry. We would also really appreciate any MAPP PLI evidence and progress photographs or notes of what you observe at home

Heather, Lucy and the Base 4 team.

Please see our weekly timetable below:

 monday	 my world	 break	 creativity	 lunch	 Physical	 reflection	 home
 Tuesday	 forest school	 break	 forest school	 lunch	 cognition	 reflection	 home
 Wednesday	 cognition	 break	 cognition	 lunch	 mapp	 reflection	 home
 Thursday	 cognition	 break	 physical	 lunch	 my care	 reflection	 home
 Friday	 cognition	 break	 cognition	 lunch	 my care	 reflection	 home