



Autumn Term Newsletter

Base 4 Raydale

Welcome back, what a great start we have made to our new term. It is lovely to see all our young people establishing new routines and developing positive relationships with new faces.

Our team this year is: Heather and Lucy H base leads, supported by Lucy B, Sarah, Sandra, Phil, Tanya, and Julia.

Our timetable in Raydale offers challenge in supporting our young people to access learning through the curriculum areas of: My Cognition [Maths, Science and Technology]; My Communication [daily story]; My Physical [swimming, MATP, dance]; My Care & Independence [PSHE, including specific weekly mindfulness sessions, cookery]; My Creativity [Art and Music].

Monday	my communication	break	my creativity	lunch	my physical	break	reflection	home
Tuesday	forest school	break	forest school	lunch	my creativity	break	reflection	home
Wednesday	my communication	break	my world	lunch	mapp	break	reflection	home
Thursday	my communication	break	my physical	lunch	my care and independence	break	reflection	home
Friday	my communication	break	My cognition	lunch	My physical	break	reflection	home

Our themes are: 'Time to Celebrate & Party' and 'Fiesta!'

Our principal English focus books are, '**Its my Birthday**' which will link into lots of different My care and Independence, my creativity, and my cognition activities such as exploring paint water bombs, making birthday cakes, and finding objects in sensory trays. We will then move onto following '**Pete the cat Trick or Treat**' as he finds himself on a spooky journey' where we will use shadow theatre to explore key Halloween features. At Christmas we will find out all about the '**Stinky Sprouts**'.

Students will continue to sing daily number songs and explore props and numbers through sensory play. This term we our focus is 5 little ducks. My World will focus on a particular celebration each week from around the world. Starting with the Venice regatta we will

travel the world and look at lots of festivals including Holi, Las Fallas, Halloween and the German Lantern festival. My Cognition lessons link to the celebration of the week. For example, the Venice regatta will link to sinking and floating, Holi week we will work with colour science to create exciting patterns.

Secondary students will follow the John Muir scheme in forest school [supported by Myra our trained Forest School lead] which will link to the seasons and our key celebrations like Halloween, Bonfire and Christmas.

Creative art lessons will also link to our main celebration. We plan to cook each week supporting our fine motor skills and thinking & independence skills, sequencing recipes and preparing/organising utensils and ingredients.

My physical sessions will include MATP to support our mobility and dexterity, dance will help our flexibility and bike riding, swimming (those on a stretch programme) and walks continue to work on stamina.

Watch out for an exciting new curriculum development: ASDAN My Independence. This programme will support our secondary young people in their preparation for adulthood [PfA] and link many areas from the EHCP in making the transition to sixth form years.

We hope to visit the school library on a weekly basis and the pupils will be able to bring home their chosen book. Please read them with children at home.

The Home-School planners will continue as usual and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you to support our young people to continue to flourish and grow.

Heather and the Base 4 team.