

The Edith Borthwick School Weekly Update

Friday 12th January 2024

Head's Update

Happy New Year to you all - it seems odd to be saying that now when January seems to be rushing by!

As always in our school, we have hit the ground running with lots going on. Our theme this week has been **'Winter'** which seems appropriate due to the recent drop in temperatures. There have been lots of winter activities going on around school - the snow on Monday really helped to set the tone!

Next week looks like it is going to be very cold, so **please make sure that all learners have warm coats, hats and gloves, and sensible footwear**, as it may be slippery outside.

Activities started this week, including swimming and off-site activities. The exceptions are **horse riding and Manna's Ark, which don't start until after half term**. The Laughter Specialists came in this week and visited Tortoise, Leopard, Wolf and Lion - the learners always enjoy their visits!

Lucy had a little baby boy last week (name to be decided) – mother and baby are doing really well. We are sending lots of love and can't wait to meet him! Lucy being on maternity leave has meant that we **have changed line managers for some classes for the rest of this school year**. The line managers are as follows:

- Katie (Assistant Head) – Leopard, Giraffe, Hippo, Lion, Tiger and Crocodile
- Dan (Assistant Head) – Penguin, Meerkat, Owl, Tortoise, Flamingo, Rhino, Wolf and Red Panda
- Tracy H (Assistant Head) – Orangutan, Sea Lion, Aardvark, Iguana, Southend, Stansted, Gatwick and Heathrow
- Lisa (Deputy Head) – Zebra 1 and Zebra 2

Please contact your class teacher if you need anything and they can involve their line manager from SLG as necessary.

Last Thursday, **we welcomed two new teachers, four new teaching assistants, a new family worker and three new learners** - it was a very exciting day! Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and our new learners have settled really well. We wish them all an exciting time at our lovely school!

Have a good weekend and keep warm!

Kind regards,

Maggie

★Class of the Week★

 **Tortoise Class** 

Sarah, Class Teacher says...



This term, we are learning about the **'world of work'**! We have started looking at various jobs around us, in particular **community jobs and people who help us**. We have explored the

equipment that different jobs use.

Linked to this, we have been looking at **'safe and unsafe'** such as places that safe and unsafe, and how to keep safe in the community.

As the term progresses, we will be looking more closely at **different types of jobs, such as food jobs, farm jobs, people that look after us, construction jobs and creative jobs**, and will be carrying out activities linked to these. We are especially looking forward to jobs linked to food and **will be practicing our independent skills by preparing snacks and making bread**. In **'communication'**, we will be following instructions to prepare sandwiches and bake bread!

Each week, we will be **focussing on a different book**, starting with a sensory exploration of the book. We then complete jobs linked to the book, such as sequencing, matching or reading instructions to make something linked to the book.

We have been completing jobs around looking after ourselves, such as brushing our teeth after lunch!

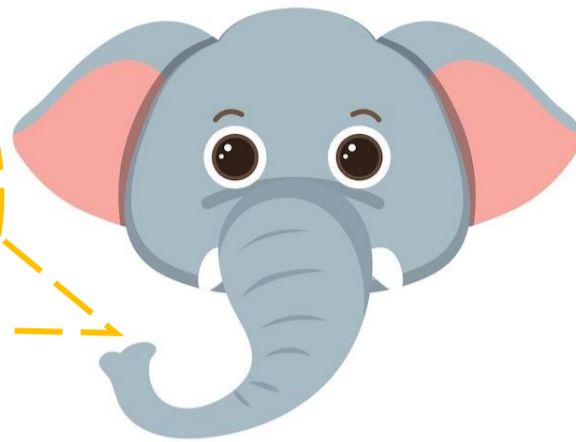
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Edie's Corner



Word of the Week:



Edie's Jokes of the Week

How did the students feel when they learned about electricity?
Totally shocked!

What do astronauts do before throwing a party?
They planet!

Upcoming dates

Non-Pupil Day
Mon 22nd January 2024

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Fri 2nd February 2024

February Half Term
Mon 19th February – Fri 23rd
February 2024

