

ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

General information

It has been lovely to welcome all the pupils back to school after the winter break. After all the excitement of Christmas, this term is all about fully re-focusing on the core areas of the curriculum – literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Meanwhile, we have been delighted to welcome a new Therapist to ECHT on Fridays: Breaugh the golden retriever and her owner Anne, who are engaged in supportive 1:1 reading sessions for some pupils. We are also hoping to make it to the forest this term (weather and conditions permitting). The P5-7 class have planned another Community Café prior to the mid-term break. We hope you can attend. An open afternoon for the whole school is planned for March. This term we are running two themes side by side. The Outright Campaign will provide evidence for our Rights Respecting Gold assessment late this month.

Areas your child will be working on

Reading Use of Making Thinking Visible Thinking Routines to enhance the development of reading & comprehension skills.

Writing Instruction, Information and Explanation writing genres: specific text features, note taking, punctuation, conjunctions, proof-reading.

Spelling Phonics units as appropriate with tasks to support understanding of words (meanings, usage and spelling).

Listening & Talking Paired, group & whole class discussions. Rehearsals, being an audience & giving feedback to others.

Numeracy Money including problem solving, position and movement, data and analysis, CLIC challenges and Learns Its.

Health and wellbeing: Improving performance within interval circuit training.

Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'OutRight Campaign' and 'Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves'

UN Sustainability Goals Focus

Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing **Goal 4:** Quality Education: **Goal 6:** Clean Water and Sanitation
Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: **Goal 10:** Reduced Inequalities: **Goal 7:** Affordable and clean energy: **Goal 12:** Responsible consumption and production:

Links to Charter for the rights of the child (key articles)

Article 2: The right to non-discrimination, **Article 3:** Best interests of the child, **Article 6:** Life survival and development, **Article 12:** Respect for the views of the child, **Article 13:** Freedom of expression, **Article 23:** Children with disabilities, **Article 24:** Health water food environment

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Key themes to explore

OutRight Campaign: Access to health and health systems, features of health systems, accessibility and barriers to healthcare, campaigning on children's rights

Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves: Types and sources of energy, awareness of energy efficiencies, responsible use of energy, forces, electrical circuits, batteries, sound, light

Dates for your calendar (please continue to also refer to the bulletin)

Curling Trip: Friday 3rd February **Community Café:** Thursday 23rd March (TBC) **Litter Pick:** Thursday 16th February
Curling Trip: Friday 24th February **World Book Day:** Thursday 2nd March **Forest School:** Friday 3rd March **Open Afternoon:** Thursday 16th March **End of Term and Reports Issued:** Friday 31st March

Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

Monday	PE, Literacy, Maths, Pupil Groups
Tuesday	Maths, Phonics/Spelling, Literacy, Rehearsals
Wednesday	Maths, Theme, PE, Literacy
Thursday	Writing, French, Maths, Theme
Friday	Assembly, Maths, Phonics/Spelling, Theme

What you can do at home to help

Please encourage your child to...

- Be curious! Read all kinds of texts for enjoyment.
- Practice 'Learn Its' number facts (number bonds and times tables) to support many areas of numeracy.
- Complete homework tasks.

Mrs Lennon teaches - Monday, Tuesday, and 3 out of 4 Wednesdays

Mrs Rennie teaches - 4 out of 5 Thursdays and Fridays

Miss Cochrane teaches - Tuesdays (Maths), every 4th Wednesday, every 5th Thursday and Friday



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