



Macaws class

Autumn newsletter



Hello, and welcome to the new academic year. We hope you all had a lovely Summer break. We are all so excited to start the year with you and your child. We are especially looking forward to working alongside you.

The Macaws class consists of 10 unique and beautifully spirited children, eight boys and two girls. The Macaws class team is: Gem, Emma, Helan, Catherine and Lesley (Tuesday and Thursday). Our Lunchtime support assistant is Katie.

We are all dedicated to helping your child grow and develop. The Macaws class uses a child-centred approach that promotes independence, individuality, and communication through a total communication approach.

Our class ethos values full collaboration with parents and carers. Our classroom door is always open. We invite you to be a part of your child's school environment and learning.

During the Autumn term our topics include:

- ◆ Understanding emotions and how to regulate our emotional responses.
- ◆ Keeping ourselves safe in the local and wider community. This involves road safety whilst walking to ASDA to buy cookery ingredients, trips to the park and community walks.
- ◆ Becoming increasingly independent within the immediate school community. For example, developing independence whilst transitioning around the school. Developing an understanding of the school building, going on jobs from one class to another or walking to the office, collecting fruit or milk etc.
- ◆ We also have the Forest on a Wednesday morning. This provides opportunities for outside learning and to further develop an understanding of the world around us. If you haven't already done so, please can you send in a pair of wellies.

Home/school communication

This is a very important aspect in your child's learning, we aim to write in your child's diary each day. Providing you with information on your child's learning, enjoyment and dietary information, for example, what they have eaten.

We value your input and communication, please feel free to write in your child's diary, informing us of anything they have done over the evening or weekend. How they have slept or any other additional information you think may help us.

Alternatively, you can phone the school on 0161 3595322 and ask to speak to Gem or a member of the Macaws class team. Between 8.30 and 9am or from 15.00 to 16.00 are preferred times, However,



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Home/school communication continued

If your preferred method of communication is email you can email myself at:
g.yabsley@ashgate.manchester.sch.uk.

Please also take a look on the Ashgate's website/Macaws class page for regular updates, newsletters, timetables, ideas to do at home, and more importantly information and pictures of all the fun activities we do.

Our story books this term are:

In my heart a book of feelings. Written by Jo Witek.



The day the crayons quit. Written by Drew Daywalt



We will be taking part in enrichment sessions with the Canaries class throughout the year. The children will have opportunities to socialise with different peers and the Canaries staff team.

The Canaries class team is: Jane, Georgi, Mike and Mykala.

Some of our enrichment activities include: Trips to the park, the forest, sensory play, music, dance, yoga, swimming and the sensory room. Your child will attend the sessions he/she favours.

Contribution

If you can contribute £1 a week to support the cost of buying cookery and sensory ingredients this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Gem and the Macaws team.