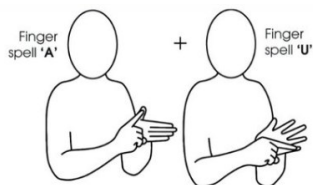


Core signs for our topic this term.



Our topic this term is 'Watch Me', here are some related signs for you to practice.

Autism



self



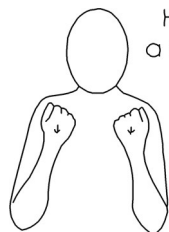
confidence

Two taps over heart



independence

Hands make a short, strong forward movement



feelings

Middle finger moves up centre of chest



Don't forget to say the words as you sign!



Dove Class Information for parents Term 5 2024/25

Class Teacher and TAs

Nadia Turnbull (Teacher)
Charlotte Conway (TA)
Jamie Styles (TA)
Jodi Norman (TA)
Liann Mackley (TA)



Regular events:

Monday: PE (PE kit needed)

Thursday: PE Enrichment

Friday: Combined Arts Award

General Information

Welcome back to Term 5.

Dove class will be exploring self-identity and advocacy as part of our Term 5 topic, Watch Me. This theme encourages pupils to reflect on their personal journeys and express themselves confidently. We will be using a range of texts such as Finding My Voice: A Frankie's World Graphic Novel: 2 by Aoife Dooley and activities to support this learning.

Homework and Contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals. The comments we receive are really helpful and highlight how a pupil may require extra support during the day. Please do let us know if you have any concerns. Reading books have been sent home for you to read/share with your child. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are carrying out, such as: PE kit, wellies, coats and jumpers.

Functional English

This term our theme will be Watch Me! We will be exploring Finding My Voice: A Frankie's World Graphic Novel: 2 by Aoife Dooley in English, a heartfelt journey centered on understanding one's Autism diagnosis and embracing self-identity. Pupils will engage in activities that foster self-advocacy and self-awareness. They will delve into diary writing, crafting monologues, and articulating their thoughts and feelings. Pupils will also strengthen their reading comprehension skills, refine their grammar and punctuation, and develop their written voice. Engaging speaking and listening activities will further empower them to confidently share their perspectives and build a deeper understanding of themselves and others.

Functional Maths:

This term, pupils will enhance their understanding of practical measurement by exploring mass, capacity, and temperature, using reasoning skills to solve real-life problems and calculate measurements. Through engaging activities, they will deepen their knowledge and develop confidence in applying these skills.

Digital Skills:

This term, pupils will be learning the art of stop animation. Using devices such as cameras and editing applications, they will explore the creative process of bringing stories to life through motion. This learning will also connect to other subjects, providing opportunities to apply their creativity in varied contexts.

PSHE/RSE:

This term, pupils will be learning about the factors that contribute to self-esteem and how to nurture a positive self-image. Pupils will identify causes of unhappiness and explore strategies for improving their mood. They will also develop an understanding of common types of mental ill health and learn where to access support.

Preparation for Adulthood:

This term, pupils will explore the topic of nutrition by learning about mealtime conventions and discussing how to make healthy choices. They will use the food tech room to prepare nutritious meals, practicing essential skills such as working safely with kitchen equipment and creating balanced dishes.

Employability:

This term, pupils will be learning about pre-employment skills and workplace routines. They will delve into understanding the expectations of professional environments, develop essential skills such as time management and teamwork, and gain confidence in navigating workplace norms.



Physical Education:

Pupils will have a PE lesson every Monday. They will develop their gross motor skills and co-ordination. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit which can stay in school.



Religious Education:

In R.E., pupils will explore what different religions teach about deciding right and wrong. They will learn about these teachings and consider how they guide believers, with opportunities for discussion and reflection on different approaches to moral decision-making.



Sports Enrichment

PE Enrichment will be every Thursday afternoon. Pupils will choose an activity from a range including rock climbing, dancing, ice skating and others for the term.

Term 5:
Watch Me!