

Cherry, Apple, Pear and Elm Classes: January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whether your child is attending school or not we want the best for them and we are here to support you as much as we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need us and to share your child's achievements with us.

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We have created a list of ideas around Winter and the book Dear Zoo. Please find these on the website. Resources to support this, such as treasure hunts and communication boards, are available on the website. If your child will be accessing learning from home we will be in touch to support their individual targets in the near future.

Social interaction is so important and if you are unable to leave the house this can be quite isolating if your child does not have the opportunity to interact with others. So here are our top communication tips for you to support your child:

- Allow your child to take the lead when you play together. This will keep them motivated and they'll develop thinking skills through their play.
- Share a book together – interactive books with flaps, different textures or sound buttons are enjoyed by all. Add props to your child's favourite story e.g. Room on the Broom – cat, make a witch's hat from paper, a broom or mop.
- Encourage turn taking during games. You can be clear what you are doing by saying "my turn", "your turn"
- Talk to your child about what they are doing and when they are doing it. This way they will begin to match what they hear to the object or action that you are talking about.
- Repeat and expand on what your child says/communicates e.g. "car". You could repeat back and add a word e.g. "red car". Whether your child is verbal or uses alternative communication aids this helps children to learn how to put words together to make sentences.
- We have attached some key Makaton signs to support you and your child to communicate.



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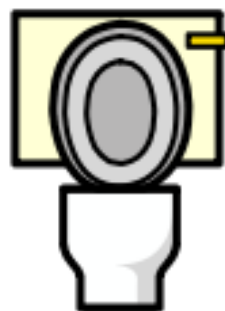
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