

SRB Newsletter- Autumn Term

2023

NEW BEGINNINGS

Hello!

Welcome back to a new academic year at Nelson Academy SRB and a huge welcome to our new children and their families. I feel very privileged to be part of a fantastic team of Teaching Assistants, headed by our HLTA Mrs Hearmon, and we are working closely with teachers in the main school to provide the best education for the children of Packham Class. We have made so many improvements to our provision already and will continue to do so over this coming year by redeveloping the outdoor space and hopefully the sensory room too. For those parents that are new I have written a little mini biography about myself so you know a little more about me.

Mini Bio: I was born and raised in Ely, an only child, growing up with my Dachshund Pu. I was a keen roller skater and horse rider growing up. I have previously worked in another of the EMAT schools as a teacher and SENCo and I have a specific background in Autism, mental health and speech and language. I live with my 3 dogs- Bentley, Charlie and Polly- who are very spoilt 😊 My favourite things are dinosaurs, skulls and spooky things and dachshunds.

The SRB Team:



Miss Leach



Mrs Hearmon



Mrs James



Mrs Rosier

NEURODIVERGENCE FOCUS

DYSLEXIA

Some Characteristic Traits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty with accurate and fluent word reading and spelling• Difficulties recognising sounds and how they make up words• Difficulties with verbal memory i.e the types of sounds that constitute speech
Where to find support	British Dyslexia Association www.bdadyslexia.org.uk The Dyslexia-SpLD Trust www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk

Famous people with this need	Orlando Bloom - Actor. Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock - Astronomer. Albert Einstein – Scientist. Jennifer Aniston – Actress.
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'We can simplify things. We see the big picture...dyslexic minds have exactly the skills we need for the workforce of tomorrow.' – Richard Branson

Norfolk SEND Local Offer

The Local Offer is the central information point for families with children and young people aged up to 25 years with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

You can contact the team by email at: send@norfolk.gov.uk

or you can view the local offer at: norfolk.gov.uk/send

Student Success

The children in Packham this half term have been working hard to be creative and learn new skills. They have been part of the whole school Harvest Festival where we went to the church to sing songs and donate to the food bank. We have joined the weekly school assemblies in the hall and are now having our breaktimes with the main school. So far this half term we have created art pieces for the Open Studios Light and Dark exhibition, held an Italy day where we learned how to speak Italian, learned some interesting facts and tasted some yummy Italian food. The children have loved their cardio drumming PE lessons with Mrs Cupit and are looking forward to showing off their skills to parents in a couple of weeks time. In our life skills lessons we have been learning about personal hygiene and also learning how to cook and bake- we made a very nice gluten free chocolate cake. We have had lots of the children going out into the main school for lessons which they have really enjoyed and the year 6's look very smart in their blazers.



Topics

Autumn Term Topics:

English- The Day the Crayons Quit/ Little Red Reading Hood/ The Grinch
Maths- Place Value/ Multiplication and Division
RE- Christianity- Who Was Jesus? And The Christmas Story
PE- Cardio Drumming/ Dance
Computing- IT around us/ Digital Photography
French- Saying hello, saying your name, classroom objects, classroom instructions
Science: Plants

Dates for your Diary

29th September- Macmillan Coffee Morning
9th October- Year 6 height and weight check
13th October- Friends of Nelson Disco (Years 2, 3 & 4 6-7pm/ Years 5 & 6 7.30-8.30pm)
16th October- Flu Vaccinations
20th October- Parent afternoon 1.40pm- Cardio Drumming
23rd- 29th October Half term
7th November- Year 6 trip to Kidzania
17th November- Children in Need Day
21st and 22nd November- Parent Meetings
7th December- Christmas Jumper Day
8th December- Pantomime in Hunstanton
15th December- Christingle at the church
15th December- Friends of Nelson Christmas Fair
20th December- Last day before Christmas
Children return to school 4th January

Tesco Tokens- WE NEED YOUR HELP

Nelson Academy SRB
Project Title - SRB Outdoor Classroom

Nelson Academy SRB- SRB Outdoor Classroom- Downham Market

The Specialist Resource Base would like to create an outdoor area for our students with Autism to have a space outside to learn, play and explore their sensory needs.

We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in the local Tesco store. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500.

What happens next?

Voting will take place in the Downham Market store (PE38 9AW)

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token. We have already begun to collect tokens in the SRB so if you get a token before voting opens, please do consider passing it onto us either via the Main School Office or via the SRB door.

Please help us if you can to work towards getting an outdoor space that is safe and usable all year round.

Many thanks for your support

Miss Leach and the SRB Team and Children

Our current outdoor area:

