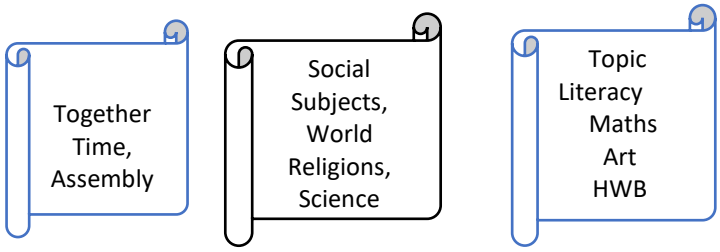
ESB1 Newsletter November 2026

Staffing in the ESB:

Miss Bain-ESB1 teacher
Mrs Venn – ESB2 Principal teacher
Mrs Cockburn- teacher
Mrs Lomax-EYP
Miss Ivanova-EYP
Miss Blair-Watt -EYP
Miss Gardiner- PSW
Speech Therapist – Zoe Grayson (Wednesday afternoons)

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Over the coming term our pupils will be learning in a variety of contexts both in the Link, the Gym hall the Playground and within their mainstream classes.



- Life Skills
- Sensory Circuits
- Singing
- Our Solar System topic- craft and experiments
- Dance
- Seasonal celebrations

Ethos and Wider Life of the School

We are very proud of the ways that we help others, develop awareness of our world and learn to be responsible citizens. Please remember that Drop-ins only take place in the mainstream school, but we will notify you about ESB drop-ins at different times.

Discrete Focus

MATHS

- **ESB1**: Number Processes and vocabulary – Before after and in between.
- Number sequencing between 1-5 for some learners 1-30 for others.
- Place Value
- Measure
- Colour, shape and number matching activities.

Learning through sensory play, concrete manipulatives and where learners are ready using number and concepts.

LANGUAGE

- Rhyme and Song
- Sensory Classroom- Word of the Week – sign-along
- Attention Autism- to develop communication, joint attention and listening skills
- Intensive interaction
- Some learners are working on phonics and letter recognition
- Onset Rime / Word families
- Word building
- Spelling
- Sentence Building
- Colourful Semantics
- Mark making and pencil control
- Story Study for comprehension
- Reading and comprehension questions

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Building on recognising our own and others emotions
- Learning how to co and self-regulate
- Sensory circuits/ Movement breaks
- Dance
- Calm time
- Developing gross motor skills in the PE hall- circuits and ball skills

Planned Opportunities for Wider Development

If your child celebrates an achievement outside of school eg. Swimming certificates, baking a cake, riding a bike, something that they feel proud about or you feel proud of them for, please share these with us. This can be shared in the whole school 'Big Book of Achievement' and then shared at our weekly assemblies.
Each week a Star Award is presented to a class pupil. This is announced at our Assembly.

- Weekly swimming sessions in the school pool on Monday afternoons.
- Integration for pupils within the mainstream- Assembly, P.E. and Reading.
- Trips in the local community to local parks, shops and the library.
- Outdoor Learning within the playground loose parts play.