

# CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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## Reception Saplings



Welcome to the Summer 2 edition of the **'Saplings Class'** newsletter. You will find lots of information about the curriculum, how to help your child at home and any other notes. If you have any questions, please ask the class teacher. Our current learning journey is: **'Who lives in the Jungle?'**

### Curriculum outline

**Communication and Language Development** We will be sharing both fiction and non-fiction stories this term and encouraging the children to share their own knowledge of the jungle and animals that live there. Our role play and small world areas will also enable children to retell the new stories and facts they learn and recreate a trip of their own to the jungle on our Saplings 'Safari'.

**Physical Development** We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through our daily mark making and writing tasks. We will spend lots of time outside this term developing our gross motor skills, and we will continue to practice the races we will be competing in for sports day. Our focus this term in PE will be dance.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** We will be developing our teamwork skills this term whilst preparing for both our sports days and upcoming trip to YWP. We will encourage children to develop their team spirit when cheering on their House teams in sports day and model also how to show care and concern for others who may feel upset or disheartened during races.

**Literacy (Reading and Writing)** We will share 3 fiction texts this half term 'Walking through the Jungle', 'Monkey Puzzle' and 'The Tiger who came for Tea'. We will develop our story language through 'Talk for Writing' to help us recall the story 'Walking through the Jungle' and will be performing this in small groups for our peers. We will improve our writing skills when creating fact files about the different animals using non-fiction text as reference. We will continue to practice building, holding and writing sentences containing new key vocabulary and will take part in daily Read Write Inc sessions

**Maths** We will begin exploring the concepts of sharing, grouping and number patterns this term learning how to share fairly, group and recognise odd, evens and doubles. Our final WRM phase is visualising and mapping where we will consolidate our understanding of prepositional language using maps and stories.

**Understanding the World** We will be exploring who lives in the jungle, and what a Jungle is this term, looking where in the world these are located. Using our class texts, we will be comparing similarities and differences between life in this country and Africa.

**Expressive Arts and Design:** Our main art focus this term will be creating a tiger Painting inspired by the famous Henri Rousseau.

### Helping your child at home

- Please continue to read with your child at home and share RWI videos for your child's group. All children in class now have their own books that are changed weekly on a FRIDAY please ensure books are in school on this day
- Continue to help your child to write their full name and also now the 'Days of the week' in readiness for date writing in KS1
- Help your child to form the numerals 0 – 10 and begin to recognise the pattern of numbers beyond 10, counting in 2's, 5's and 10s etc.
- Continue to complete 1 minute maths APP from White Rose Maths to support fast recognition of numbers to 10, and simple addition within 10, using number lines and tracks to find 1 and 2 more / less. Ask children not only the answer or what they can see but how they see it or worked it out to develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills
- Talk about everything- their day at school, our current topic and class story, their favourite activities in the classroom, anything! And please share any special events with us.

### Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes, including PE kit.
- PE will continue to take place EVERY MONDAY so please remember PE kits
- Please be reminded that **water only** is permitted in labelled bottles.
- Please remember your child needs a pair of wellies and suitable clothing for Forest Fridays.

### Key Dates:

- Thurs 11th June – World cup – Wear your football kit to school
- WC 15th June – Art Week
- Thurs 18th June – Sports Day PM
- Thurs 25th June – Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Doncaster
- Tues 7th July - Stay and Celebrate our learning AM – Coffee afternoon PM
- Friday 10th July – Create Day
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - The Tiger who came for Tea – end of year Tea Party

