

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Saplings - Reception

Welcome to the Spring 1 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: **Our Wonderful World**

Curriculum outline

Communication and Language: We will be sharing stories, non-fiction books and atlas linked to our topic 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be encouraging children to share their own experiences of the world in which they live during discussions and paired talk opportunities, and our role play and small world area will also enable children to retell these new stories and recreate their own experiences from our Exceptional Experience to The Deep Aquarium.

Physical Development In PE we will be begin our theme 'Throwing and Catching. Children will be practicing throwing, rolling and aiming balls in a variety of ways during ball games and developing their hand eye co ordination to track objects to then catch. We will also be developing our fine motor skills and pincer grip through our weekly funky fingers table-top activities, and when carefully using our fine motor skill to sew stitches and connect material together when creating our whole class Globes, during DT.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development We will be developing our self-confidence and self-awareness when tasting different Chinese foods during our celebration day. We will also be exploring what it means to be a good global citizen by thinking about ways in which we can help protect and care for our planet, the air, the ground, the oceans and our animals.

Literacy (Reading and Writing) We will share 2 fiction texts 'Dear Earth', 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and 1 non fiction text this half term. We will be continuing to develop our story language through acting out our stories and using our imagination to create our own and we will build and write sentences weekly containing new key vocabulary. Daily Read Write Inc and handwriting will continue with a focus on letter formation and spelling 'red words' that children are required to learn in Reception.

Maths We will begin exploring and learning numbers 6-10, whilst consolidating our understanding of numbers 0-5. We will be focussing on representing and identifying these new numbers whilst also exploring the composition of these numbers and finding 1 more / 1 less than a given number, whilst developing skills in using mathematical equipment to aid.

Understanding the World We will be exploring 'Earth', what makes it wonderful and ways in which we can help protect and care for it - for example through recycling. We will be looking closely at maps learning what the colours blue and green represent and comparing places and animals and their habitats. We will also be learning about the celebration of Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts and Design We will be designing and making our very own class Globe sewing materials together to represent land and sea. Children will be learning and performing the song 'Good Morning Dear Earth.

Helping your child at home

- Please continue to share stories at home and record these in your child's reading record. As children develop their phonetical awareness, they will begin to bring home reading books this term, and additional handwriting and spelling homework sheets.
- Help your child to write their full name and practise recognising numbers to 10 in different environments, outdoors, around the home and when out and about
- Help your child to form the numerals 0 – 10 in readiness for recording number stories.
- Complete 1 minute maths APP from White Rose Maths to support fast recognition of numbers to 10, and simple addition within 5 and adding 0,1,2 more.
- Talk about everything- their day at school, our current topic and class story, their favourite activities in the classroom, school meals, anything!



Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes, including PE kit .
- PE will continue to take place EVERY THURS 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 for Forest Fridays.

Key Dates:

- Mon 5th Jan – School re-opens
- Thurs 8th Jan – Stay and RWI 9am – 9.30am
- Friday 6th Feb – NSPCC Number Day
- Weds 11th Feb – School Trip to 'The Deep' Aquarium Hull.
- Thurs 12th Feb - Chinese New Year Celebrations and food tasting
- Fri 13th – Inset day

