CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

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Reception Saplings

*Welcome to the Autumn 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: '**People Who Help Us.**'*

Curriculum outline

Communication and Language Development We will be sharing stories that are all linked to different people in the community that help us and children will be encouraged to share their own experiences of these occupations whilst thinking about their own **aspirations** about who they would like to be when they grow up. Children will also be encouraged to use our immersive learning environment to retell these stories with peers, in our Saplings Police Station, our construction site, small world bonfire and playdough garage

Physical Development We will be focusing on developing our gross motor and ball skills. We will also be developing our fine motor skills and pincer grip through 'dough dance', and when using writing tools during both our literacy sessions, and when accessing our writing and creative area within provision.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development We will be developing our self-confidence and self-awareness when performing in our EYFS Christmas concert and we will be focusing on Fire, Water and Road Safety through our weekly stories. We will also be exploring who are 'Safer Strangers' and how we can seek help in an emergency.

Reading and Writing We will share 7 texts this half term exploring a different occupation each week. We will be developing our story language and learning new key vocabulary with 'Grandma Fantastic', and labelling and writing simple sentences with known phonics sounds about each text. We are continuing our daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions, and handwriting with a focus on letter families and 'Red words'

Maths We will be continuing to investigate numbers 1 – 5 and will be focussing on subitising, comparing and identifying numbers 4 and 5. We will be exploring positional language when describing arrangements of these numbers and will begin to learn about the composition of these numbers and begin to use manipulatives and maths equipment such as number lines and tens frames to compare. We will also be exploring positional language this term through songs, rhymes and when making our own story maps.

Understanding the World We will be learning about the different seasons with a focus on the signs of Autumn and Winter. We will be learning about celebrations and festivals such as Bonfire Night and Christmas and why these are celebrated and will continue to learn about more people that help us when exploring the journey of a letter with the postal service. We will walk out into the local area to find our nearest post box and post our Christmas card to Mrs Berry.

Expressive Arts and Design We will be learning methods to connect and create our own emergency service vehicles, both in the creative area and our 'playdough garage' Our DT focus this term will be to create axles and wheels to then add to our emergency vehicles to make them move. Children will also be spending time throughout this term creating their own Seasonal themed art and practicing their roles and songs in preparation for our EYFS Christmas performance.

Helping your child at home

- Please continue to read with your child at home and record in their reading records
- each time you do so. All children in class will now have their own books or reading sheets that at changed weekly on a FRIDAY so please unsure books are in school on this day
- Continue to help your child to write their full name using correct pencil grip and letter formation
- Help your child form numerals 1 – 5 and recognise these numbers in different environments
- Complete 1 minute maths App from White Rose Maths to support fast recognition of numbers to 5
- Practice their phonics sounds with them as often as possible and read their wordy worms
- Talk about everything- their day at school, our current topic and class story, their favourite activities in the classroom, anything and everything!

Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes, including PE kit .
- PE will continue to take place EVERY THURSDAY afternoon so please remember full PE kits
- Please remember your child needs a pair of wellies for Forest Fridays.

Key Dates:

- 03.11.26 – Tuesday afternoon - Halloween Disco
- 13.11.26 – Friday - Children In need
- 01.12.26 – Tuesday AM- EYFS Christmas Movie Morning
- 03.12.26 – Thursday 9am – Stay and Christmas Craft morning
- 04.12.26 – Friday -Pantomime in school
- 07.12.26 – Monday PM - EYFS Concert 2.00pm
- 08.12.26 – Tuesday AM - EYFS Concert 9.15am
- 14.12.26 – Monday - Christmas Fayre PM - 1.30 -3.00pm
- 15.12.26 – Tuesday - Santa visit and Grotto
- 16.12.26 – Wednesday - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 17.12.26 – Thursday - EYFS Christmas Party PM

