

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 and non-fiction books and maps that are linked to our topic 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be encouraging children to share their own experiences during discussions and paired talk opportunities. 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 focusing on moving to music; we will be creating a wizardly story through the form of dance and drama. We will also be introducing children to the team sport Mat Ball where we will be practicing our accuracy when throwing and catching. We will also be developing our fine motor skills and pincer grip through our weekly funky fingers table-top activities and during mark making and writing tasks completed within English.

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. During our final book this term we will also be thinking about the importance of 'sharing, building friendships and managing conflict.'

Literacy (Reading and Writing) We will share 3 fiction texts this half term, 'Dear Earth', 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' and 'The Rainbow Fish'. We will be developing our story language through acting out our stories. 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 creating recycled art through different techniques such as collage using plastics or metal collected and children will be learning and performing the song 'What A Wonderful World'

Helping your child at home

- Please continue to share stories at home and record these in your child's new reading record. As children develop their phonetical awareness, they will begin to bring home reading books this term and additional 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! And please share any special events with us on Dojo.



Notes

- Please remember to put names in all clothes, including PE kit.
- PE will continue to take place EVERY TUESDAY 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:

- 8th Jan – School re-opens
- 2nd Feb – NSPCC Number Day - Stay and do Maths
- WC 5th Feb - Chinese New Year Celebrations -
- 7th Feb – School Trip to 'The Deep' Aquarium Hull
- 9th Feb – INSET DAY (Friday)

