

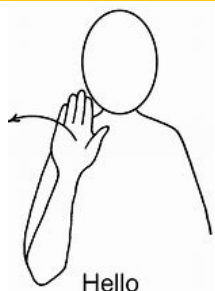


Sapphires Class Newsletter

Working together to

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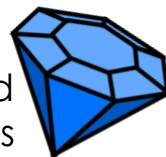
Welcome Back & Updates



Hello

We hope you all had a wonderful winter break and have loved celebrating the start of a new year. This half term we are celebrating special days such as Chinese new year, Burns Night and Valentine's Day. Please contact any member of the class team if you have any queries.

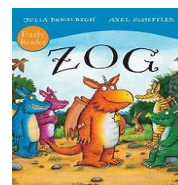
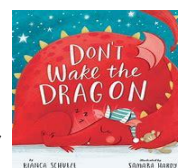
Our theme this half term is '**Dungeons and Dragons**'. We will be using the books 'Don't wake the Dragon' and 'Zog'.



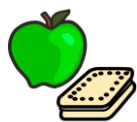
Key Concepts and Skills

As part of our topic, we will be exploring a variety of different Dragon inspired toys, textures, music and sensory stories. Every Wednesday will have a dance massage based on the theme 'Dungeons and Dragons', which will include music linked to our topic. During our weekly creative play sessions, we will be creating lots of different artwork linked in with our 'Dungeons and Dragon' theme. Look out for the photographs on evidence for learning!

Our weekly PSED session this term will be related to 'keeping well', exploring how different people can help us when we are feeling unwell.



Reminders / additional information



If it is appropriate for your child to have snack, please use our ParentPay app to pay for it. We have a range of snack options including yoghurts, crisps, biscuits and juice.

This half term our hydro days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday** but please send in your child's kit at the beginning of the week as we may take them in whenever there is a space, please include a costume/trunks, 2 towels and some body wash/shampoo. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, thank you.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Cognition and Maths

You could create a messy tray to explore, full of sensory items related to Dragons.



PSED

In PSHE we are looking at 'keeping well' and the people that can help us when we are feeling unwell. Together, you could listen to the sounds of a police vehicle and ambulance on YouTube.

Present choices using symbols, signs or communication relevant to your child.

Enjoy sharing personal care routines with a focus on hair—choosing shampoo, hairbrush/comb, gels, different style.

Children's Mental Health Week

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, you could visit a forest - experience the sounds, smells and sights. If you spot some dry leaves on the floor, you could add these to a messy tray to explore. Listen to the crunch sound that they make.



Listen to some relaxing music together on YouTube. You could do this whilst you both observe sensory lights. What a calm and relaxing moment that would create...

Physical Development



Encourage hand play - manipulation skills/games (drumming, grasping, banging).

Explore Dragon-themed snack recipes to encourage fine and gross motor skills.



Follow your child's personalised physiotherapy/MOVE programme.

Reading

Continue to encourage communication using methods relevant to your child (facial expressions, body language, Makaton, switches and photographs).

You could listen to some fantastic audio books on YouTube related to our topics this half term...



Expressive Arts

You could make a handprint dragon puppet craft together using textured and brightly coloured card.



HANDPRINT DRAGON DANCING PUPPET CRAFT

This would also create a wonderful keepsake of the time you spent together.

