



Shaw Education Trust

# Sapphires Class Newsletter

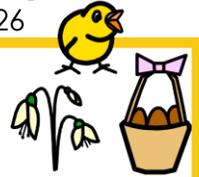
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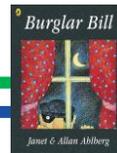
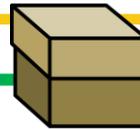
## Hello & Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back to the second half of our spring term! With spring just around the corner, we are excited to begin spotting the signs of the new season within our local school community. Our topic this half term is "**Rogues Gallery**", where we will be meeting the mischievous *Burglar Bill* and joining him in his playful antics. We are really looking forward to exploring this fun and engaging theme with the children. Please keep an eye on Evidence for Learning (EFL) to see all the wonderful moments we capture along the way, and don't forget to give us a like on our social media pages! We will also be inviting families into school for an Easter Fun Afternoon, so please look out for the date in your child's home-school diary.



## Key Concepts and Skills

This half term, pupils will be immersing themselves in a range of exciting and meaningful sensory activities designed to bring *Burglar Bill* to life. Through engaging experiences, children will explore the story in a fun and interactive way that supports curiosity and enjoyment. A key focus will be on communication, as pupils are encouraged to express their likes and dislikes using a variety of communication strategies tailored to their individual needs. In PSHE, our topic "The Jobs People Do" will help pupils learn about different roles within the community and the world around them. Within Cognition, pupils will be developing their understanding of cause and effect by *making things happen* through sensory exploration. This will include the use of switch-activated toys, eye-gaze technology, and other interactive resources to promote engagement and independence. We will end the term by celebrating with a range of Easter and Spring-themed activities.



## Reminders / additional information



This half term our hydro days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** 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. Our Library day is **Friday** so please send in your child's library book so they can change it each Friday. Please remember to send in a change of clothes for your child each day, as we love to get messy in Sapphires! Thank you.





## Cognition and Maths

For **Cognition**, create a “swag bag” filled with keys, shiny objects, and squeaky toys. Encourage children to reach inside, explore the items.

Anticipate Pop-up toys or boxes

Drop and watch – dropping objects into a container to hear different sounds

Use a torch in a dim room to shine on walls or favourite objects

Look at black and white pictures or clothes



## PSED



The theme of **jobs and how people help others** is a wonderful way for our pupils to develop their understanding of the world around them. We will be exploring a range of different jobs. This may include visiting different staff around the school, as well as welcoming visitors who can share their experiences with the children.

If you would like to share your own job with the class, we would love to hear from you. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated and will help Sapphires pupils learn more about the different ways people help others in our community

## Physical Development



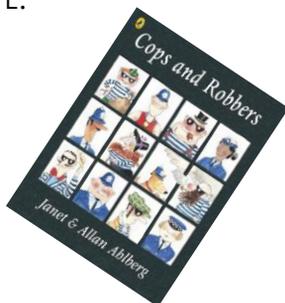
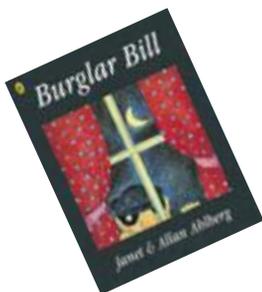
- To follow on with our topic, why not **create your own loot hunt** by hiding objects in messy play materials such as **jelly, slime, shaving foam, cornflour “mud,” or water trays**. Pupils can explore the textures while searching for hidden treasures, encouraging curiosity and fine motor skills.



## Communication



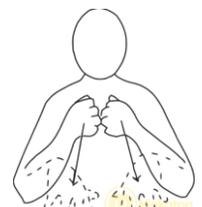
Enjoy reading or listening to **Burglar Bill** together. Another book linked to our topic is **Cops and Robbers** by the same author, which is equally hilarious and just as fun to share! Can you find any more stories related to our topic? We would love to see some photos of you sharing stories with your child uploaded onto EFL.



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