



Sapphires Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back & Updates



Hello

Hello Sapphires Families!

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some of the occasional sunshine! As we step into the summer term, the Sapphires class will be making the most of the season by taking our learning outdoors whenever possible—helping us all to appreciate the wonderful world around us.

If there are any updates or changes regarding your child that we should be aware of, please let us know as soon as possible. You can write a note in their school diary, or if you need to speak to someone directly, feel free to call the school office. Looking forward to a fun and sunny term ahead!



Key Concepts and Skills

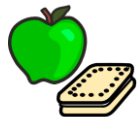
This half term, we are setting off on a magical European journey as we dive into our exciting topic: **"Europe"**! Inspired by the delightful story *Emma Jane's Aeroplane*, we'll be travelling to different countries including **France, Germany, and England**, bringing each destination to life through sensory exploration.

Using a variety of sensory props, students will be able to see, touch, hear, and even smell elements unique to each country—creating a truly immersive experience. From the scent of fresh French baguettes to the sound of traditional German music and the feel of an English afternoon tea, every activity is designed to spark curiosity and joy.

Our **weekly soundboard lessons** will also be taking off with lots of singing and music inspired by countries across Europe. Children will explore different instruments and music related to each country.

We are really looking forward to this half term—it promises to be full of **fun, laughter, and unforgettable discoveries!**

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.



Cognition and Maths

Explore Europe Through Sensory Play. There are so many exciting sensory props and textures that you and your child can explore together as we journey across Europe. Sensory play is a wonderful way to support learning, build curiosity, and encourage communication. Here are a few Tuff Spot ideas to spark your imagination at home:

France- Flour and dough for making pretend croissants and baguettes, Lavender scent bags to evoke the fields of Provence, Red, white, and blue rice for scooping and pouring.

Germany- Pretend snow (cornflour and water) for exploring the Alps, Small wooden blocks or toy cuckoo clocks to explore traditional German crafts, Fabric leaves and pinecones to represent the Black Forest

England- Artificial grass and flowers for a royal garden picnic, Tea sets and sponges for a sensory afternoon tea, textured stones and pebbles to represent the seaside or countryside walks.

Which texture is their favourite? Let your imagination fly—just like Emma Jane in her aeroplane! ✈️

Communication



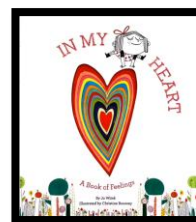
Dive into the Adventures of Europe. Let your imagination soar as we explore the wonders of Europe through stories. You can find audiobooks on YouTube that take you on exciting adventures across the continent—perfect for listening together. Each story opens the door to a new European country—all from the comfort of your home.

Let each book be your boarding pass to a new adventure—just like Emma Jane's Aeroplane!



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we are exploring the important topic of “Managing Our Feelings”. To support this, we are reading the beautiful book: “In My Heart” by Jo Witek. This heartfelt story explores a range of emotions through vivid language and colourful illustrations.



Physical Development

Don't forget to follow your child's personalised Physiotherapy or MOVE programme at home. A great way to promote both fine and gross motor skills is through messy play! It's fun and motivating. Here are a few messy play ideas to try at home:

Painting with hands, feet, or sponges

Bubble popping games – encourage reaching.

Most importantly—have fun and celebrate every movement!



Expressive Arts

As we journey across Europe this half term, why not celebrate our learning by creating some beautiful European-inspired artwork? Here are a few creative ideas to try at home

