



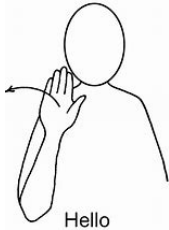
Sapphires Class Newsletter

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Autumn Term 1 – September 2024

Hello & Updates



Hello Sapphires families and welcome back to a new school year! We hope you are all well and have had a great summer holiday full of fantastic memories with your wonderful children. The Sapphires team are all ready and waiting to start the new school term, it's going to be jam-packed with exciting and fun learning experiences.

If you have any updates or changes in regards to your child, please inform us as soon as possible, either in their school diary or ring the school if you need to speak to someone.

This really helps us on a day-to-day basis in class. We will update you on what your child particularly enjoyed and has been engaged in by sharing photographs and diary messages with you. If your child has enjoyed a particular activity at home, please feel free to share with us through photographs or diary messages - we would love to talk about these in class!

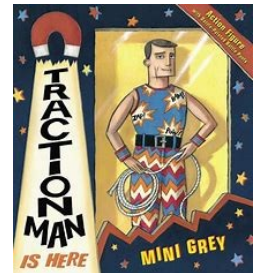


Knowledge and Skills

Our theme this half term is 'Electricity/ magnetism' We will be using the novel 'Traction man- Mini Grey' and reading extracts from this book during our weekly **Wednesday** library session so please remember to bring book bags on this day. Sensory stories will form the basis of our weekly activities, which will involve a variety of different props, including: wheat bags, switches (connected to different sounds and lights) cooking pots, long tubes, battery candles, lights different sensory lights, play-doh, balloons, parachutes, flower scents and much more! WOW!! Our sensory stories will be encapsulating and really embed what the story has to offer.

Our weekly PSED session this term will be related to 'Things we are good at/ mental wellbeing' celebrating each learner for their exceptional talents and uniqueness. We will also be focusing upon stimuli about our family so if you could please send in a picture of your family this would really help and will become the focus of our weekly discussions.

Music Matthew, dace massage, sound boards, UV rave, IT, PE and Art will also be covered every week. This half term is going to be a great one! Now let the fun begin . . .



Reminders / additional information

Every **Thursday** will be our swim day, please send in **named** swimming kit and 2 towels. Can you also ensure that you complete any changes to the contra-indications medical form. Our Library session is on **Wednesday** please return book bags. Please provide a **change of clothes** , as we do regularly have a range of messy



activities that your child will engage with. **Please make sure your child has their sling under them (if prescribed), ensuring safe moving and handling for your child and adults in school. Thank you.**

Snack

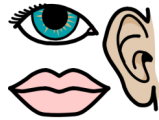
We now take payments for snack via ParentPay. A lot of families are already set up on there but if you need a login letter please contact the school office. If you would prefer to send your child in with a snack please feel free to do so.



Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

Communication

It is important to continue to encourage communication using methods relevant to your child (facial expressions, body language, Makaton, switches and photographs)



You could listen to some of our half term topic music on YouTube, would they like 'more'?

[We're all amazing! By London Rhymes](#)

[Electricity- Wiggles](#)

Cognition



Using our hands to feel different textured items offer a great way to promote grasping and reaching. Why not create a sensory tray for your child to explore. Examples could include:

- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Sand
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ feathers
- ◆ Leaves



Physical

- ◆ Follow your child's personalised physiotherapy/ MOVE programme.
- ◆ We continue to develop our physical skills throughout the half term using physiotherapy programs and any other opportunities.
- ◆ Join in to action songs such as 'Move and Freeze' as part of 'The Learning Station'. Encourage anticipation of the music.

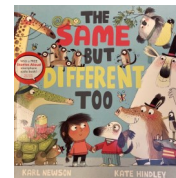


PSHE/RSE

In PHSE we are looking at 'Things we are good at/ mental wellbeing'. Spend some time together doing the things that you enjoy, you may even find new interests along the way...



We are all unique and different, there are many books that can be read that celebrate this:



Understanding the World

- ◆ When you go outside with your child emphasise to them the sounds that can be heard (can you hear the birds, cars, wind?) What can you smell? What can you see?- Stop and take in the everything around you using all of your senses and explore these with your child.



Expressive Arts

- ◆ Have a messy day! Explore different textures such as mud and paint mixed with sand! Remember to wear an apron :-)
- ◆ To celebrate recycle week from **October 14 – 20th** you could create a piece of art together using recycled materials. This sounds like lots of fun!



