



# Sapphires Class

## Newsletter

Working together to

**inspire nurture empower**

**Autumn Term 2– November 2024**

### Hello & Updates



Hello and welcome back Sapphires families to a new school term leading up to the festive season. This half term is full of engaging sensory experiences that will enable your child to learn as well as having lots of fun in the process.



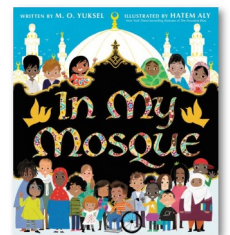
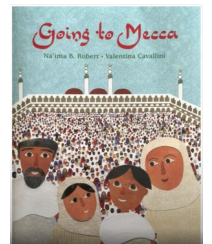
Just a reminder again that if you have any **updates** or changes with regards to your child (no matter how big or small!), please inform us as soon as possible, either in their school diary or ring the school if you need to speak to someone.

### Knowledge and Skills

Our theme this half term is 'special places' and will be based on the novel 'In my Mosque' and 'Going to Mecca'. We will be exploring our topic by creating unique sensory stories that take us on a special journey to discover what it is like to be in different places of worship. Smelling different scents, exploring different items of worship and investigating what food is eaten, will enable us to capture a focus on different 'special places'

Further to this, music will play a big part in exploring this term's topic, creating new rhythms and rhymes during our soundboard lesson and lots of movement will be encouraged, using sensory props to topic music during our weekly dance massage.

Our weekly PSED session this term will be related to 'communities' where we will be engaging in lots of activities that involve peer interactions, celebrating our school community and engaging 1:1 with our friends. This half term is going to be jam packed with lots of fun and new learning experiences. Now let's get started.



### Reminders / additional information

Please send in **named** swimming kits and 2 towels every **Monday**, ready to go in the Hydro pool within the week.



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.



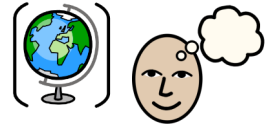
# Home Learning Curriculum Ideas

## Communication



- ◆ As well as your child's school library book, share further story books with your child.
- ◆ If your child does not appear interested in listening to the story, you could make it into a sensory story in keeping with the plot e.g. use water sprays, musical instruments, sand etc.
- ◆ Listen to audio books online, you could even do this whilst in the car.

## Cognition



- ◆ Complete story message movements in time with the songs. Please check out the story message for children on YouTube, there are lots of Christmas inspired videos!
- ◆ Please see attached story message sheet for 'Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas star' on page 3 of this Newsletter.

[Story Message for Children - YouTube](#)

## Physical



- ◆ Follow your child's personalised physiotherapy/ MOVE programme.
- ◆ Explore playdough with hands and feet. Why not join in with online 'doughdisco' activities on 'YouTube'.

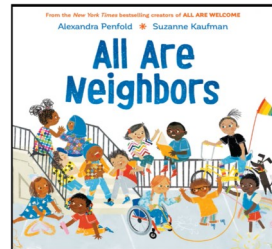
Dough Disco- 'Dance Monkey'

Dough Disco- 'Shake it off'

Dough Disco- 'I like to'

## PSHE/RSE

In PHSE we are looking at the topic 'Belonging to a community', exploring different groups that we belong to. You could listen to audio books online that relate to our topic:



## Understanding the World



As we approach a colder climate, going for a walk outdoors offers plentiful sensory opportunities to enjoy and explore. So wrap up warm and go for an outdoor adventure, where there are ample opportunities to smell, see and listen to new things.



## Expressive Arts







You could have a go at creating some art that has been inspired by places of worship such as a Mosque. Please see pictures below for some inspiration...



# Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

Adapted for the Story Massage Programme

[www.storymassage.co.uk](http://www.storymassage.co.uk)

	Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star
	Way up high is where we are
	Shining bright for all to see
	On the top of our tree
	Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star
	Way up high is where you are.

