

# Sapphire Class Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome to the start of a very busy and exciting new half term.  
**Our topic this half term is 'May the Force Be with You!'**

**Our Gospel Value theme is Love.**

## English



Information Texts  
Stories with Historical Settings

Daily guided reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation



## Maths



Statistics  
Multiplication and Division  
Area and perimeter

Daily arithmetic

## RE



### **Why do Christians believe Easter is a celebration of Victory?**

In what ways is Christ's death and resurrection a victory?

What is Jesus victorious over and why?

How does his victory affect us today?

What did Jesus do to save human beings?

## History



### **The Anglo-Saxons**

Who were the Anglo-Saxon invaders?

Why did they settle in Britain?

What was daily life like for the Anglo-Saxons in Britain?

What did the Anglo-Saxons believe?

How were they ruled?

## Music



### **We are Anglo-Saxons!**

Learn about the history of music  
Practise and improve ensemble singing skills

## Computing



### **Databases**

## Science



### **Forces**

Explain that unsupported objects fall towards Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.

Identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction.

Recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.

## Design Technology



### **Anglo-Saxon Village**

Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures.

Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks.

Use research and develop design criteria to inform their designs.

## PSHE



### **Rights and respect**

Rights, respect and duties relating to my health

Making a difference

Decisions about lending, borrowing and spending

## French



### **All about Me!**

### **Where in the World?**

## PE



**Mondays ~ Swimming**

**Tuesdays – Net and Wall Badminton**

**Fridays - Games**

**Please remember to bring these items to school every day:**



~ Reading book and reading record

~ Coat

~ Water bottle

## Our expectations and learning ethos

In Sapphire Class, the expectations are that your child will be a self-motivated and enthusiastic learner. To encourage this, your child has many opportunities to be rewarded through house points, Star of the Week and class rewards. We also hope you will continue to support us in reinforcing our class rules, which we wrote together and agreed as a class, to make our class a safe, happy and productive place to be.



### Homework



#### **Daily**

- ~ Reading to an adult at home every day
- ~ Learning spellings

Reading is so important for your child's development and progress across the curriculum, so please encourage your child by listening to them as often as you can.

#### **Half Termly**

Each half term your child will receive some different open-ended project tasks to be completed by a given date. The projects will be based on the topics we are doing in class and will have instructions about what we want your child to do and how we want them to present it. We would encourage you to support your child and work together on the projects, where necessary, and the children will then share their projects with the rest of the class once they are completed.

All homework will be on the school website for you to access. If your child cannot complete their homework for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

#### **And finally ...**

The education of your child is a partnership between you and us. Please contact us if you have any worries or concerns about your child or feel there is something we need to be aware of. If you cannot see us at school, we can be contacted via the school office.

Here's to a wonderful half term!

Miss Towers and Mrs. Dean

