

# Working our way to wisdom; learning our way for life.



## Sapphires Class newsletter, Autumn term 2



Welcome to Sapphires class in Autumn term 2. We cannot believe we are already into the second half term. The children have settled into school life really well and it was lovely to speak to you all more at parent's evening. Thank you so much for all of your support on our sponsored walk. Once we have collected in all the sponsor money, I will let you know the total and how we plan to spend it.

Mrs Limbert and Mrs Henchcliffe

### Keep in contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me on Class Dojo or at the door at the end of the day. I will try to check Class Dojo first thing and at lunchtime, but if you have a message that needs delivering urgently, please ring the school office to ensure it gets through in time.

### Home learning

We will change reading books on a **Tuesday and Friday**. **Please try to read each book at least twice (more if possible) as this really develops understanding and fluency in reading.** The children really do progress much quicker if they get lots of practise at home.

Please record every time you read including the title of the book and date they have read, with any comments you would like to make as this supports me in changing their books. **We will only change books once they have been read at least twice.**

Please continue to send reading packs in every day.

We will send home new sound cards at the end of each unit we have completed.

The children will also bring home a library book that they have chosen on a Friday. This is a book for you to read to them and for them to enjoy and talk about the story. Please send back on a Friday to be changed.

### Reminders

Please remove or cover earrings on a Friday for PE. Please make sure all clothing is named, particularly hoodies and jumpers, as they often get taken off during the day.

Please send your child with a water bottle every day. Please avoid squash, as we have had a lot of sticky spillages in our drinks tray.

If your child has not had a sight test since starting school, this would be a good time to get one booked, especially as they are now starting to read. You can go to any local optician and book a free child's sight test.

## Days and dates

Our class PE day will continue to be on a Friday- Please come in kit.

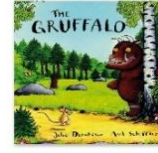
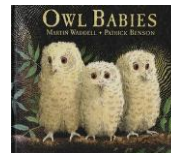
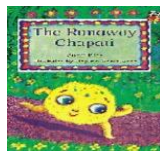
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Phonics and reading workshop 9.10am- 10.10am** (Please see dojo post for further details.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am-** Christmas concert. We can accommodate 4 adults per child. Further details to follow.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December-** 2.40pm-3pm Family reading session. Details to follow

## Our learning this term

**English** - Our key texts will be



**Phonics-** We will continue our Soundwrite program. We will be revising all the previously taught sounds and securing reading and writing them within words and working on unit 3,4,5 and 6

b ,c , g, h ( bat, cat, bag, hop)

d, e, f, v ( dog, bed, fan, van)

k, l, r, u ( run, leg, but, kit)

j w z (jam, win, zip)

**Maths** - We will be exploring numbers up to 5 in greater depth. Looking at representing these numbers and developing our early addition skills and subtraction skills. For example, understanding that there are different ways to make number 5 (3 and 2, 4 and 1).

Exploring one more and one less. Investigating shapes and sequence of time.

**PE** -We will follow our Get Set 4 Education PE scheme. Our focus will be developing ball skills, including throwing, catching, kicking and dribbling.

**Understanding the world-** Exploring the celebrations of Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas. The season of Autumn. Sources of light and shadows. Looking at animals and their habitats and hibernation.

**Expressive arts & design-** Making Diya lamps, natural collage with autumn leaves, observational drawing and looking at the artist Van Gogh and his starry night picture.

**PHSE- Scarf** <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/valuing-difference>  
Valuing difference and me and my relationships. Please follow link for some activities that you can do at home.