

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



Sapphires Class newsletter, Spring term 1



Welcome to Sapphires class in Spring term 1 and wishing you all a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead with our new topic 'Winter and Cold places'.

This half term we will have some teaching students from Nottingham Trent University working with us. Mr Powlson-Walker (First year student) and Miss Radford (Third Year student). They will be supporting in the classroom and leading some activities with the children. We offer them a warm welcome to Albert Village Primary School.

Mrs Limbert and Mrs Henchcliffe

Keep in contact

Messages will now be sent through the Arbor app so please keep an eye on this and allow notifications. Class Dojo is no longer in use.

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 (approximately every 2 weeks). This half term the children will beginning to get some two letter spellings such as ff (as in huff) and ll (as in hill).

Library books changed on a Friday

Reminders

Please remove or cover earrings on a Wednesday for PE. Please make sure all clothing is named, particularly jumpers/cardigans and hoodies as they are often taken off through the day.

As the weather will be very cold this half term please make sure that the children have a warm coat everyday and bring in hats and gloves. Please support at home by encouraging

the children to practise doing up their own coats and showing them how to put their gloves on themselves.

Polite reminder that Reception children's finish time is at 3.05pm.

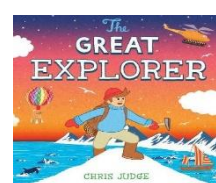
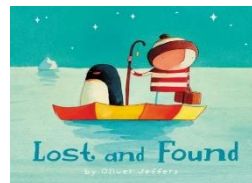
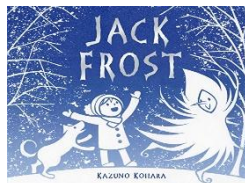
Days and dates

Our class PE day will be on a **Wednesday** this half term as we have a sports coach Mr Kendrick working with us.

INSET day- Friday 14th February. Children finish for half term on Thursday 13th February.

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 7 New sounds x,y,zz,ll,ff, ss. We will then move to unit 8, looking at reading and spelling words with four sounds in such as tent, sink, went.

Maths - We will look at what zero means and ensure our understanding of numbers 0-5 and number bonds to 5. We will then start to explore numbers 6,7,8 including how to recognise and represent these numbers and develop our addition and subtraction skills within these numbers. We will explore mass, capacity, length and height.

PE -We will work with our sports coach Mr Kendrick on fundamental skills. This will include balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and safely using space independently and with a partner.

Understanding the world- We will look at the season of winter and the changes that take place. We will look at experiments with ice to help the children understand freezing and melting. We will look at the polar regions and animals that live there. We will talk about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica. We look at the celebration of Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday.

Expressive arts & design- Winter art, looking at creating tints of blue. Observational drawings. Making their own penguins. Snowflake dancing. Chinese New Year dragons

PHSE- **Scarf** - Being special and caring for friends, family and their world.