

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



Sapphires Class newsletter, Summer term 1



Welcome to Sapphires class in Summer term 1. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead with our new topic 'How things grow'. This half term we have two student teachers in from Nottingham Trent University. They are in their first year and will be supporting with groups of children. We extend a warm welcome to Miss Hillier and Miss Powlson- Walker and hope they enjoy their four weeks with us.

Mrs Limbert

Keep in contact

Please continue to keep an eye on Arbor for any important messages. If you need to contact us, then please see me at the beginning or end of the day or send a message through the Arbor. This goes to the school office team, who then pass it on to me.

Home learning

We will continue to 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. This is particularly important as they start to get ready for the move into Key Stage 1.

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. Library books changed on a Friday

Reminders

As the weather gets warmer, please send in a cap or sun hat each day and apply sun cream before school.

Please remove or cover earrings on a Friday for PE. Please make sure all clothing is named. Please make sure long hair is tied back. **Hoodies need to be black or navy blue** please. If they do not have a black or navy hoodie then please send with school cardigan or jumper rather than a coloured hoodie, as per school uniform policy.

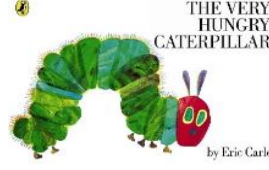
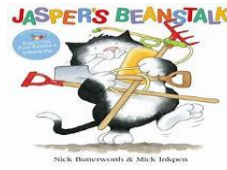
Days and dates

Our class PE day will continue to be on a Friday this half term. Please come in PE kits.

Tuesday 29th April -Ash End Farm Trip- (school uniform on this day please, with a coat and a packed lunch and drink in a small bag).

Tuesday 20th May- 'Work out'. You are welcome to come into the classroom at the end of the day to have a look in the children's books.

Our learning this term



English - Our key texts will be

Phonics- We will continue our Soundwrite program focusing on unit 11

sh (shop, shed)

ch (chip, such)

th (thin, thick)

ck (duck, black)

wh (when, which)

ng (bang, king)

q u (quit, quiz)

tch (catch, hatch)

ve (have, give)

We will be supporting the children to continue to develop fluency in reading and writing sentences independently.

Maths - We will continue to develop our understanding of number bonds to 10. We will then explore numbers up to 20.

PE - In PE will we be exploring dance. The children will look at copying and repeating actions, showing balance and control and moving in time to music.

Understanding the world- A visit to the farm and looking at animals and their young. We will explore how plants grow, minibeasts and their habitats.

Lifecycle of a caterpillar, including our own caterpillars in the classroom.

Expressive arts & design- Independent painting, inspired by our farm visit. Creating minibeast pictures, inspired by the illustrations of Eric Carle.

PHSE- Scarf - Our whole curriculum supports the children to develop their concentration, perseverance and build relationships with others. They will also have a specific session each week from our SCARF program. The focus this term will be Growing and changing, including plants, animals and humans. We will look at naming body parts and understanding which parts of their bodies are private.