

Sapphire Class Curriculum

Welcome back all Sapphire children! An ENORMOUS thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts that I received. They were all so thoughtful and I was overwhelmed by your kindness. This term we have wonderful things planned for Sapphire children and I look forward to getting stuck into learning straight away!

In **English** we will be enjoying sharing some superhero texts including Superworm by Julia Donaldson and Supertato by Sue Hendra. We will be writing about our own 'super powers' and creating simple sentences with full stops and capital letters with Year 1s and more complex sentences with a variety of conjunctions for Year 2s. We will be describing characters and settings as well as writing simple letters. Year 2s will be starting to join their letters if they are ready and year 1s will focus on ensuring letters are correctly orientated and sitting on the line. Spellings will be given out on Fridays and the children work on these words within class so should be familiar with them. Children will have a short spelling test every Friday morning and all spelling lists will be posted in our Google Classroom page.

In **Maths** we will be looking at place value within 100 (Yr2s) and up to 30 (Yr1s). We will be counting on and back from 100 and in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will be partitioning 2 digit numbers into tens and ones and will use practical apparatus to help them to do this. Your support with the children at home with reinforcing early place value is appreciated and does help to embed early knowledge.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://au.splashlearn.com/place-value-games-for-year-1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8sfr82>

Geography will see us finding out about the different types of homes that can be found in the UK. Please could every child bring in a photograph of their house so that we can sort our own house types in school. We will be exploring the differences and similarities between house types. If anyone would like to come into school and show the children how to mix a mix up a simple mortar to build a brick wall, this would be wonderful!

In **Science** we will be finding out about the importance of food and nutrition both to humans and to other animals. This will involve looking at the importance of keeping well by eating healthily as well as exercising regularly.

In **DT** children will be designing and making (and eating!) their own healthy sandwiches.

Mrs. Moulton will be working with Sapphire children on **computing** and will be looking at 'technology around us.'

In our **Life Skills** sessions, we will be thinking about what makes a good friendship.

Sapphire Class will have PE on Tuesday and Fridays with Ben and will be developing their football skills. As always, we expect long hair tied up and no jewellery be worn on these days. Children should come into school wearing their PE uniform on these days. As the weather gets wetter we will be using the hall for PE too and all children will need a pair of plimsolls to wear.

We will be getting outside for our learning as often as we can so please make sure that your child has suitable outdoor footwear (trainers) with them at school every day.

This half term we look forward to joining with Amber Class to present our Harvest Festival assembly to you! We will soon be practising our Harvest songs! A busy, hardworking and fun filled few weeks ahead of us! As always, if you have any questions you know where I am!

Sarah Frost

