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# Saplings Room Newsletter



Welcome to our first Saplings Room curriculum newsletter. You will receive one of these each half term and it will inform you about the many different learning experiences and key skills we are teaching your children.

\*Please remember this is an overview of what we are offering to the children this half term. Some children will need to have additional support with some of the activities and others will need to be stretched further to meet individual development requirements. All staff are highly skilled in being able to meet individual children's needs.

## Personal Social Emotional Development

This area of learning will be our main focus over the next few weeks as the children settle into the Saplings group. Children will be supported to build warm relationships with the staff and their peers and learn other people's names. They will take part in a range of experiences that support their developing confidence and self-awareness.

Staff will be modelling clear expectations and support the children to follow the routines and behavioural expectations. The staff will be acknowledging your child's feelings and nurturing them, giving them a sense of belonging in to the new group. Responding to their emotional needs is really important.

## Physical Development

We will be supporting and promoting children to become more independent with their self help skills. This will include dressing for playing outside - putting on and taking off their own coat and shoes/wellies. Accessing the bathroom for the toilet and washing their hands. For those children in nappies we will be watching to see if they are showing any signs of wanting to use the potty or toilet. Children have their own water bottle and we are encouraging children to make healthy choices with their snack.

## Communication and Language

Staff will carry out the Wellcomm speech and language assessment for all children. This will give us a clear overview of where each child is with their language needs and allow us to plan clearly for all needs. As children grow in confidence we will be modelling and supporting them to use words to express themselves alongside gestures as appropriate.

## Literacy

We will begin our weekly library sessions next week. Children will bring home a book they have chosen from our library to share with you at home. Please bring their book bag each **Wednesday** so that they can choose a new book weekly.

We will focus on a different core story each half term. This half term is 'Noisy Farm' and 'Busters Zoo'. Links to the story on line can be found on Tapestry. We will share the story in group times and be encouraging the children to actively listen, respond to adult questions, make predictions and join in with repeated phrases.

We will focus on a different core rhyme every two weeks. We will share information via Tapestry with you so that you can sing with your child at home.

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## Festivals and Celebrations

We love to have any opportunity to celebrate festivals and events and this half term we will be celebrating Diwali, Bonfire Night and also it will be the run up to Christmas which is always a fun and sparkly time of the year. If you as a family celebrate any other events please let us know so we can celebrate in Saplings too!



Please check your child's Tapestry account each day as this is our main source of communication with you as parents. We will share and celebrate what your children are doing at nursery, as well as inform you with newsletters and first aid forms.

We would love to see the exciting things that happen at home, so please also share with us by adding your own observations. These may be of your child celebrating a special family event such as:- birthdays, a trip to the park, baking at home or learning a new skill.

## School Fund

Please remember to bring £1 each week which goes towards school fund.

These contributions help us to do lovely extras with your child such as cooking activities, presents at Christmas etc. We now have a money box in the entrance that your child can put their money in.



## Story sharing session

**Wednesday 19th November.**

This is a great opportunity for you to come and share our 'Bucket time', share a story and rhymes with your children in their session (more information of times will be shared on Tapestry)

## Celebration Day

We will be asking you to join us on **Friday 28th November** to celebrate the lovely experiences your children are having in Saplings. More information will follow with specific times. This is a great opportunity for us to share progress of how your children are doing and for you to talk to us about any concerns you may have.