



Sycamore Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. Spring is almost here— hopefully bringing some sunshine with it!

Building relationships

It is great to see the children recognising their friends and family. We are always encouraging interactions between children and this will be a big focus this term. We want the children to know that friends and family are very special people. **We would love it if you could post photos of your child and their family on Tapestry** so that we can share them with them in nursery as a reminder of our special loved ones.

Communication and Language

We use a total communication approach to teach our children a range of ways to communicate. Visuals are well established in Sycamore Room with the children using these really well to follow instruction, routines, transitions, to understand our rules and boundaries and to learn new vocabulary. Visuals are a very simple, clear way to communicate and are very important for our children. We use them alongside simplified language so that the children can link key words to the visual cue.

We have been using Makaton in our day to day activities and are noticing that some children are responding well to these signs. We will continue to introduce new signs weekly. We use signs for routines and key vocabulary. We will also be adding signs to some of our songs.

Literacy

Library A reminder that Wednesday is our Library day. Please can you ensure that book bags come into school every Wednesday so that the children can take their bag to the library, choose a book and put it in their bag themselves. This helps encourage independence skills. Please share the books at home—encourage children to hold the book and turn the pages, talk about the pictures together and share stories. It's a great opportunity to have some quality 1:1 time with your child and to snuggle up together.

Our core story for this half term is Oh Dear! We will read this with the children and will have a range of activities focussed on the story.

Nature Play

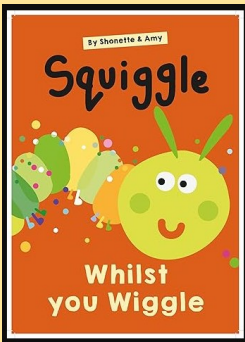
We will be looking at the changes in our natural world as the seasons change, hopefully seeing some springtime sunshine, flowers, creatures and watching the trees blossom and grow leaves.

This half term we will be introducing Nature Play. Every week the children will explore our Nature Play area. They will enjoy climbing and sliding down the banks, playing in the mud kitchen, building dens, using magnifiers to look at natural objects, running around in the fresh air etc



With a bit of imagination, the opportunities are endless.

Physical Development



We will be getting our children moving to music with our daily singing and weekly Squiggle sessions. During our **Squiggle** sessions, we will be challenging the children to copy movements that will help with their coordination. This is a great pre writing skill, as it helps connect the brain and body using neurological and physical movements to make marks.

Tapestry



Please remember to check Tapestry regularly for important dates coming up. And don't forget to look out for your child's experiences at the end of the term when their photos go live. We would love to see achievements and special events that happen at home so please share.

SEND CAFE

Our next SEND Café is on 27th March. It would be great to see as any of you as possible as this is a great opportunity to chat amongst friends and ask any SEN questions you may have. If you have anything you would like specific information on, please let Aimie know before hand so she can prepare any resources/information.

Celebrations

This half term there will be a number of celebrations that we will enjoy learning about. We will learn about Shrove Tuesday and Holi, Eid and Easter with lots of fun activities and celebrations (hopefully including baking some tasty treats). We continue to celebrate children's birthdays and will make everyone feel special on their special day!



Contributions: Once again, thank you to all those families who gave their weekly £1 contribution last half term. We greatly appreciate this contri-