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Nursery News

Welcome to our Newsletter!

Sapling Class

Notice board

- Please find in this newsletter an outline of the learning we are currently doing at school. You can also find suggested activities and challenges you can do at home with your child.
- Next week is art week and throughout the school, the children will be making Ukrainian inspired art. **On Friday 30th June from 14:30, you are invited in to walk around the school, which will be made into an exhibition centre to showcase the Ukrainian artwork produced.**
- Don't forget to **provide your child with a (clearly named) sun hat** and ensure that you **apply sun cream** during the sunny weather.
- If you haven't already, **please send in a plastic bottle** (of any shape or size) for your child to make a shaker this week!
- Please **do not send toys in in your child's book bag** as this makes it more difficult for your child to fit things like books and their work into their bookbag, as well as there being the temptation to take them out which risks them getting lost. Thank you
- **Montessori.** Montessori took this idea that the human has a mathematical mind. The mathematical mind tends to estimate, needs to quantify, to see identity, similarity, difference, and patterns, to make order and sequence and to control error. The child observes and experiences the sensorial world. From this experience, the child abstracts concepts and qualities of the things in the environment. These concepts allow the child to create mental order. The child establishes a mental map.
- Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact:

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Suggested activities to support your child in their learning:

Prime Areas of Learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: This week's SCARF session will be about growing and changing. We will discuss things that have changed over the year and the things the children can do now that they could not do when then came in to nursery. We will also be talking about going into reception and some of the changes that will happen.

Activity: Look back at photos with your child of them at different ages. What is the same and what is different?

Physical development: Next week the children in Nursery will have the opportunity to play sports adapted to their age and will be encouraged to cheer each other on and play cooperatively in groups. The children will also run the daily mile and play in the adventure playground.

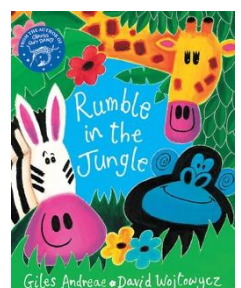
Fine motor skills: opening and closing boxes and pots, buttons, zips and laces are some of the practical life activities that the children will get involved in next week as part of our finger strong time.

Activity: The children enjoy joining in with 'Andy's Wild Workouts' in class. These are great for getting the children doing different movements while also learning about different animals and their environments. These are available on BBC iPlayer.

Communication and Language: Next week we will read the story of "Little Monkey" and learn some interesting facts about the jungle and jungle animals. We will also play guessing games about jungle animals. You can also play at home with your child. For example, "What am I? I have four legs, I have a mane, I can roar and I am a type of cat... A lion!"

Activity: To learn about the Jungle this week, you can read (or watch on the link below) "Rumble in the Jungle" by Giles Andreae. What is it like in the rainforest? Can you name a creature that lives in the jungle? You can find some interesting facts about these animals and refer to continents and jungle areas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgdfofQegaM>



Specific Areas of learning:

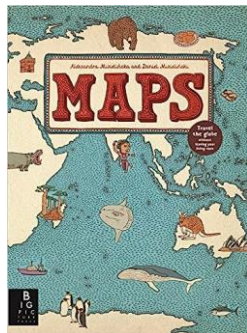
Literacy: Next week the children will be thinking about initial sounds in words as well as using their blending skills to read some simple CVC words!

Activity: Can your child match the initial sounds to objects? Write some sounds on small pieces of paper and encourage your child to find objects around the room/house/garden that begin with that sound.

Maths: Next week we will be thinking about different ways to represent numbers through writing numerals, drawing pictures or drawing dots. The children will then be able to practice this during ChIL Time by writing the correct number to match the pictures or drawing pictures/dots to match the numeral written.

Activity: Below is an activity which encourages children to count the pictures and write the numerals.

Understanding of the World: The children will be introduced to maps and atlases this week! They will look at maps of different countries. One book we will be using is Maps by Aleksandra and Daniel Mizielinski.



It is a beautifully illustrated maps book for young children that gives them facts about the countries, including popular names and some of the common animals that live there.

Activity: Look at some maps of different places you have been and allow your child to explore and play with these.

Expressive Arts and Design: Next week the children will be doing lots of creative activities! We have art week, where the children will be making Ukrainian inspired wreaths. The children will also be making their own musical shakers out of their plastic bottles! These will not only be different sizes, but will have different fillings, and we will explore them together to see if they all make the same sound or different sounds!

Activity: Can you have a go at some of these crafts?



Montessori: This week we would like to show you the Montessori Decimal system. This was introduced to the class in this week's maths carpet session on Wednesday. The small bead represents one unit, then a string of beads representing one ten, the square is one hundred and the cube is one thousand. This is essential for children to properly grasp the idea of how teen numbers and beyond are made up. The children did very well with this concept and seemed to understand well.



Jungle and Rainforest Counting worksheet

Write how many items there are in the circle.

