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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.
- Please **send in a named carrier bag** in your child's bookbag next week so they can take home their wellies!
- The final observations of the year will be released next Friday (14th)
- Reminder that **Thursday (13th) is moving up day**. Please refer to any emails you have had from the school for information.
- **Montessori:** Maria Montessori believed that the environment can be designed to facilitate maximum independent learning and exploration by the child. In a well-prepared classroom, there is a variety of activities as well as a great deal of movement. A prepared environment gives every child the freedom to fully develop their unique potential through developmentally appropriate sensorial materials. The materials range from simple to complex and from concrete to abstract, catering toward every child's ability.
- Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact:

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Tortoise Visit:

On Wednesday morning, Sapling class met my pet tortoise Mr Teasel! This fits in with their learning about animals from different countries as well as the book 'Space tortoise' that we read on Monday (and the children loved!). We talked about how Mr Teasel goes into his shell if he feels scared, the things he eats (and that strawberries are his favourite food) and what he likes to do (especially digging in his wood chips!). The children loved meeting Mr Teasel and enjoyed some tortoise colouring and a tortoise craft after.



Suggested activities to support your child in their learning:

Prime Areas of Learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Our SCARF lesson next week will be part of the “Growing and changing” programme and we will talk about girls, boys and families. We will share the children’s ideas and help them respect and understand diversity through an age appropriate discussion.

Activity: The SCARF scheme we follow suggests these stories you might want to listen with your child about inclusion, respect and gender. If they suggest ‘girls’ toys/colours/clothes and ‘boys’ toys/colours/clothes gently encourage them to think differently -e.g. might it be fun for boys and girls to play with dolls together?

Pink is for boys:

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

Perfectly Norman:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frUYk_QCd2o

This video can be useful for parents too: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgRFVSC9BmU>



Physical development: We will be visiting the adventure playground and daily mile this week!

Fine motor skills: Blue practical life activities are available for the children to develop their fine motor skills. As it’s the end of the year, the activities will be challenging and involve all the different types of transferring, threading and pouring that they have been shown during the year.

Activity: Please practise name writing at home with your child. This will get your child ready for Reception and help them become more independently with their work.

Communication and Language: In preparation for our End of Topic in the last week of term, we will be practicing our songs and poem.

Activity: Please help your child to practice the following at home:

Poem:

I can fly up in the air,

I can sail across the sea,

I’m going on an adventure,

I’m an explorer so you see

Songs:

Over the Deep Blue Sea (Pirate song): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICPJhybHBkA>

Down in the Jungle: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1fZHoqdH-E>

Zoom Zoom Zoom, We’re Going to the Moon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEHBmZxAf8>

Specific Areas of learning:

Literacy: We will continue to revise the sounds taught this year

Activity: Encourage your child to point out sounds they know in books etc

Maths: Next week we will be focusing on counting two groups of objects and discussing early addition. If we have two on this side and two on the other, how many do we have all together? We will encourage the children to count the two groups to find the total. We will be using objects, Montessori beads and numicon to support the children's learning.

Activity: Montessori ideas to practise early addition at home:



Understanding of the World: We will be exploring the ocean and the creatures who live there. We will also be learning about pirates and what they did. We will discuss whether what they were doing was kind or not.

Activity: Talk to your child and show them pictures of sea creatures – do they look like the animals we find on land? Or do they have differences (such as fins)?



Expressive Arts and Design: The children will get the chance to make pirate masks, paper jellyfish (printing with a straw to add details), and paint puffer fish with a fork! They will also have access to the left over boxes from this week to make whatever they like!

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

