

The Glapton Academy

Saplings Class

Autumn 2 Newsletter



'Changing Seasons and Lets Celebrate!'



Welcome back we hope you have all had a peaceful and relaxing mid term break.

Our topic this half term is 'Changing Seasons and Lets Celebrate!'. To start the term the children will be finding out about Bonfire Night and how to keep safe near fireworks. Following on from this we will be investigating the Autumn and Winter seasons. We will be getting wrapped up warm and going on an Autumn walk around the school grounds to observe the changes that are taking place in the environment around us during Autumn. We will also be finding out about hibernation and the animals that hibernate.

In addition to the above the children will be finding out about the festival of Diwali. We will be reading the Diwali story, creating our own versions of traditional Diwali decorations, and investigating the similarities and difference in the way we celebrate other festivals as well as Diwali.



As we approach winter the children will be finding out about snow and ice and taking part in an experiment to understand the processes of freezing and melting.

The children will be of course preparing for Christmas. We will find out about its origins, by reading the story of the first Nativity. The children will also have fun creating their own cards and Christmas decorations.



Book recommendation

Stickman

Julia Donaldson



Stick man is lonely and oh so lost.. Who can help him get back safely to the family tree. A lovely story for the time of year with lots of rhyming words to hear say and predict.

A Polite Reminder

We love the children in Saplings Class to keep healthy and hydrated. Please may we remind you that in accordance with our school policy if the children wish to bring a drink to school in addition to the milk they are offered please may the children bring a named bottle of **water** rather than squash or cordial. Thank you.

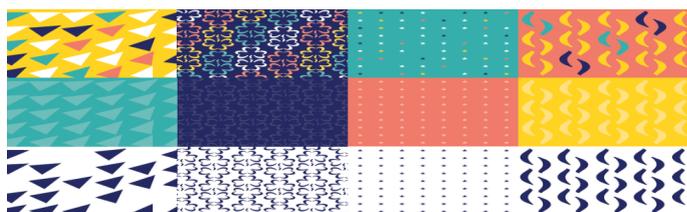
Literacy/Communication and Language

This half term the children will be reading the stories, It Was a Cold Dark Night, Lost in the Snow, One Snowy Night, Stickman and The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas. The children will be encouraged to practise their own independent writing and pencil control skills as well as telling us about the marks they have made. The children will be creating pictorial instructions for ingredients for winter stew, as well as writing lists and letters to Santa.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be practising our counting. As well as beginning to discover all about numbers 1 to 5 we will be counting out lots of objects including natural and found objects that we will have gathered on our Autumn walk.

At the same time as counting different objects we will also be thinking about where those objects are positioned by using some positional language in our activities.



We will also be investigating patterns in the environment around us as well as patterns in time.

Maths Vocabulary

We always encourage the children in Saplings Class to use correct vocabulary.

This half term our focus will be on the words

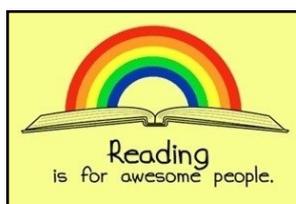
**Pattern same different spot-
ty zig zag wavy breakfast
lunch dinner under over
next to behind on top be-
hind below one two three
four five order**

We hope that you can encourage your child to use these words during everyday activities at home and whenever opportunities arise.

Reading Records

We hope you are enjoying our weekly rhymes. Please continue to read each week's rhyme daily with your child encouraging them to here and say any rhyming words, as well as listening for initial sounds in words. As before please also use the reading record booklets to let us know about any other books your that child has read, or any activities that they have taken part in and enjoyed so that we can encourage them to share their experiences with everyone in Saplings Class.

Thank you.



School Uniform

Accessories

May we please remind you that hair accessories, socks and tights should be black, grey, white or red only.

Also nail varnish is not permitted along with jewellery other than plain or stud earrings, and watches are only allowed when your child can tell the time.

Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

- EYFS Virtual Christmas performance— 11th December 2020.
- Last day of Autumn term—18th December 2020

**We are all looking
forward to another busy and
exciting half term!**

Mrs Smith,

Miss Smith

Miss Wharton and

Miss Evans