

The Glapton Academy

F1 Saplings Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2021



Welcome back it has been wonderful to see all of the children return to Saplings Class! We all hope you had a safe and relaxing summer break.

Topic

Our topic this half term is Marvellous Me! The children will be finding out all about themselves— how they are all different in many ways but how they are all very special! The children will be encouraged to describe their close family groups as well as the place they live, whilst investigating similarities and differences within their families and habitats to those of others—not just amongst humans but animals too! The children will sing songs about and naming their different body parts as well as thinking about how to stay healthy—the importance of healthy eating taking exercise and keeping clean. The children will also be thinking about their recent past by investigating their lives when they were babies, understanding what they could do as a baby in comparison to what they can achieve now.



Book recommendation

Don't Wake the Bear Hare.

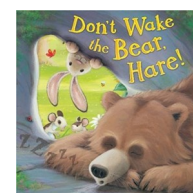
It was Spring party day the best day of the years.. But why were the animals trembling with fear?

Join the animals as they prepare for their Spring party—but something is not right! What is that noise that they can hear? Oh no! There is a huge bear asleep in the old hollow tree.

Come and read and join the animals as they try and prepare for their party without waking the bear.

Will they do it? What about hares balloon!

A lovely story to read together, with lots of rhyming words for the children to predict and say.



Was the bear really that scary?!

A Polite Reminder

We love the children to be healthy and keep hydrated in Saplings Class.

May we please remind you that in accordance with our school policy, if children wish to bring a drink to school in addition to the milk that they are offered then please may they bring a **bottle of water** only rather than squash or cordial.

This is in line with other classes in school.

Thank you for your support.

Literacy/Communication and Language

This half term the children will be listening to and reading the stories 'Its my Turn', ' The World is Full of Babies' 'Wash Scrub and Brush' and 'Just the Way You Are'.

The children will be encouraged to develop their physical skills and wrist movements by beginning to make marks and draw freely using and on a selection of different writing media, as well as using other resources such as sand, foam, rice, and paint to create marks, circles and lines.

We will be encouraging the children to develop their speaking and listening skills through all of our daily activities as well as through our 'Chatterbox' sessions where the children will have the opportunity to interact in conversations about Nursery life and everyday objects that are familiar to them, as well as describing recent events that have happened to them .

Maths

In maths this half term we will begin to practise saying some number names and learning to say them in the correct order.

The children will have the opportunity to practise their number name recall skills by joining in with lots of number rhymes and songs..



Five Fat Sausages

Five fat sausages sizzling in the pan.

Sizzle, sizzle, sizzle,

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And one went BANG !



The children will also begin to investigate different shapes, having been provided with a range of resources for them to build and to create with. The children will be encouraged to talk about what they have built and what they have used.



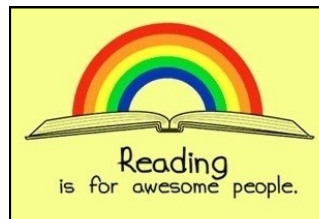
Maths Vocabulary

- count
- order
- sequence
- number
- zero
- one
- two
- three
- four
- five
- six
- seven
- eight
- nine
- ten
- forwards
- shape
- long
- tall
- wide
- thin
- straight
- bricks
- duplo
- morfun
- interstar

Reading Records

We will soon be sending home a reading record booklet with your child. It would be lovely if you could read each week's rhyme daily with your child encouraging them to hear and say any rhyming words, as well as listening for initial sounds in words. 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 interact and 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, watches are only allowed when your child can tell the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

20.09.21 and 21.09.21 Parents evening

22.09.21-SCARF Challenge Day

01.10.21 –Harvest Festival Celebrations

We all look forward to working with you and your child over the next half term.

Mrs Smith and the
Saplings Class Team