

# The Glapton Academy

## F1 Saplings Class Newsletter

### Autumn Term Block 2 - 2021



#### Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Seasons and Celebrations'.



We start the term by investigating the festival of Diwali and finding out about all the different ways that the Diwali festival is celebrated.



We will then be investigating and learning to name the four seasons of the year - starting with Autumn. The children will have the opportunity to go on an autumn walk around the school grounds and investigate the visual and tactile changes that take place during the autumn period. We will be collecting lots of windfall objects and fallen autumn leaves and will be using them in our activities in and outside the classroom. We welcome any leaves, twigs, conkers, pine cone etc that the children have collected over the holidays themselves. We will then be finding out and comparing the changes that take place in the following season of winter. We will of course will be celebrating Christmas, reading the story of the Nativity, and learning about the characters in the story as build up to our Christmas celebration investigations and activities.

#### 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 all other classes in school.

Thank you for your support.

#### Book recommendation

"Stickman"



By Julia Donaldson

Stickman lives in the family tree...

One day Stickman goes out for a jog and his adventure in the big wide world begins! Who will help Stickman to get back to the family tree? Maybe a jolly old man in a red suit who rides in a sleigh?

Stickman is a lovely story for children to experience and join in with lots of rhyming words. There are lots of detailed illustrations for the children to talk about as they listen and read the story - and there's also a lovely festive ending!

#### Literacy/Communication and Language

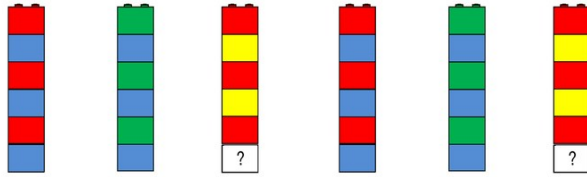
This half term the children will be reading the books 'Autumn', 'Stickman', 'Lost in the Snow', 'The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas.' and 'The First Nativity'. The children will continue to learn the different features that a book is made of as well as knowing that in English we read text from top to bottom and left to right. The children will be encouraged to join in with our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas performance whilst being encouraged to maintain their attention for longer periods of time

## Maths



In maths this half term we will continue to practise our number rhymes and songs. We will be encouraging the children to use and show 'finger numbers' up to 5 when they join in with the actions to the rhymes they are singing.

Throughout our outdoor and indoor environments the children will be encouraged to notice patterns they see around them as well as having the opportunity to arrange things in simple patterns as they explore all Nursery activities.



## Maths Vocabulary

- count
- one
- two
- three
- four
- five
- pattern
- stripy
- spotty
- wavy
- straight
- number
- order

## Reading Records .

<https://www.glaptonacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Autumn-1-Block-2-p2.pdf>



A big thank you to those parents who have been returning reading records each Friday. It has been lovely reading all about what the children have been up to and hearing about their favourite rhymes and stories.

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We hope you enjoy listening to your child reciting their weekly rhymes to you! A reminder that reading records should be returned to Saplings class each Friday. Please 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

## School Uniform

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

- Saplings Class Parents Evening Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November, 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Details to follow
- EYFS Nativity Friday 10th December.
- Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 15th December.
- Saplings Class Christmas Party Thursday 16th December.
- Finnish for Christmas holiday Friday 17th December.

We look forward to working with the children this half term.

*Mrs Smith and  
the Nursery  
team.*