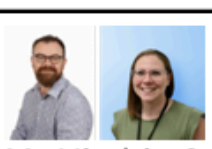
WELCOME TO SAPLING CLASS

We hope you had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We are very excited to welcome Saplings back. We know starting a new school year can be daunting for some and exciting for others but hopefully over the next few weeks we will settle into new routines. Below is our staffing arrangements for the class, when there is a planned change to the below we will put a message on dojo.

M Monday	 Mrs Clarke & Miss Oxford	 Mrs Clarke
Tu Tuesday	 Mrs Clarke & Miss Oxford	 Mrs Clarke & Mr Hitchin
W Wednesday	 Mrs Hearnden & Miss Oxford	 Miss Simmons & Mrs Bartholomew
Th Thursday	 Mrs Hearnden & Miss Oxford	 Mr Hitchin & Mrs Baker
F Friday	 Mrs Hearnden & Miss Oxford	 Mrs Hearnden

Our class timetable.

Sapling Class Timetable – Autumn Term

	8:40 – 8:50	8:50-9:10	9:15 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:30	10:30 – 10:45	10:50 – 12:10	12:10 – 1:00	1:05 – 1:30	1:30 – 2:30	2:30 – 3:20
Monday	Settling in time	**Handwriting**	Mental Maths/TTRS	Maths	Break	SPaG & Guided Reading	Lunch	Collective Worship	History	PSHE
Tuesday		**Handwriting**	Mental Maths/TTRS			English			RE	PE with AH
Wednesday		**Handwriting**	Collective Worship					Music JS.		PE with SB. Oaklings.
Thursday		Collective Worship	Mental Maths/TTRS					Spanish LB		Computing with AH Oaklings.
Friday		**Handwriting**	Mental Maths/TTRS	Science				Collective Worship	DT/Art	

Expectations;

- Reading 3 times a week, checked on a Friday.
- Maths homework completed on Maths Shed
- Spelling practice at home either on Spelling Shed or traditional methods! These will be checked on a Monday morning.
- Water bottle every day.
- Named cardigans and jumpers.
- No fiddle toys from home unless invited to due to need.
- We welcome brief communications on dojo and happy to talk at the end of the school day for either worries or celebrations.
- Regular timestable practice 3x, 4x, 6x to start with.

AUTUMN CURRICULUM GUIDE

📚 English



Autumn 1

The Mermaid in the Millpond – Setting Description. We will be learning about: Full stops & Capital letters, Commas, Nouns & Expanded Noun Phrases, and Verbs & Adverbs. Children will write vivid descriptions inspired by this magical story.

Autumn 2

Race to the Frozen North – Narrative. We will be learning to use plural and possessive 'S', Prefixes – anti, super and auto and exclamation marks. Children will also have an opportunity to write instructions.

Both of these books will be used in our weekly Guided Reading sessions. We will explore and develop our vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and summary skills in these sessions.

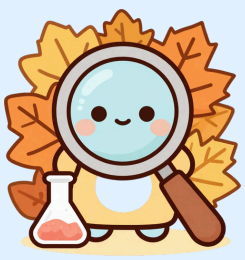
🔢 Maths



Place Value – understanding the value of digits in numbers. Addition & Subtraction – building confidence with written and mental methods. Children will use practical resources and problem-solving activities.

We will share with you on dojo our mathematical knowledge organisers for this term so as you can support learning at home.

Science & Geography



Science: States of Matter – exploring solids, liquids and gases through exciting experiments. Forces and Magnets – exploring how forces act on objects and investigating magnetic materials.

Geography will be taught after October Half Term we will be learning about, Who Lives in Antarctica? – discovering the amazing wildlife and people connected to the coldest place on Earth.

History & Art & DT

History: How have Children's Lives Changed? Exploring Tudor and Victorian eras and comparing childhood then and now.

Art & DT: Light and Dark – exploring shading techniques, or Botanical-inspired digital drawings using technology.



🎵 Music & PE

Music

Will be taught on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Simmons.

PE

Will be taught on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Both sessions will be with Oaks. Children will need to come to school in their PE uniform with suitable footwear e.g. trainers.

PSHE & RE

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Topics to be covered this term – supporting children's wellbeing, friendships and personal development.

RE

We will explore the following units;

- Christianity – How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important? Exploring forgiveness and community.
- Islam – How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?

💻 Computing



Computing will be taught with Mr Hitchin on a Thursday afternoon. Sessions will focus on, Online Safety – staying safe on the internet, and Computational Thinking – learning to think like a programmer.