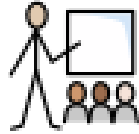




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Hi everyone,



To those of you that have just joined us welcome and to those of you returning welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and managed to relax and make some lovely family memories. The children have all been amazing over the last few days, they have settled really well into their new classroom and the new routines. We are very proud of them all.



Our theme this half term is **Me and my family**. So, we will be getting to know all about the children and their families. We will be focussing on their features and what makes them unique and learning that we are all special.



In **Literacy**, we will be focussing on developing our speaking and listening skills. We will be working on all four steps of what makes a good listener and we will look at responding to and asking questions with symbol support. We will look at the basic rules of a conversation such as taking turns and listening and responding to the speaker. This will all be done through a series of fun and interactive activities for the children.



In **Maths shape space and measure**, we are going to be looking at prepositions and directions. The children will be learning what this means and how to apply it using concrete and pictorial resources. They will be considering the prepositions on, off, in, under, over, next to, inbetween, in front of and behind. They will also learn about the directions forwards and backwards.



In **Maths number**, we will be looking at number recognition, counting and matching numerals to quantities.



As a part of the **Me and my family** topic we will be looking at doing self portraits and considering the features needed to do these, learning about different body parts and similarities and differences between people.



In **PE**. We will be working on our multi-skills specifically rolling, throwing and catching a ball.



During our **Muddy Monday** session in Forest School we will be making a mud face, creating and Autumn collage and practicing some of our Maths skills in this outdoor area.





## Sapling Class Information -

We will have **PE on Tuesday mornings**, so please send your child's PE kit on a Wednesday for them to change into. Getting changed for PE is an important part of the children's development. Please encourage your child to change independently at home whenever possible.



We also have **Forest School on Monday afternoons**. Please can your child come to school dressed in jogging bottoms and a long-sleeved top. Also, if you can, send wellies and waterproofs on this day or if you prefer these can be named and left in school (we will place them safely in the children's lockers). If the weather is wet, waterproof trousers would be useful too.



We **read** with the whole class on a **Friday afternoon**. Please ensure your child's reading book is in their bag on this day. We would appreciate it if the books are kept in the children's bags everyday so we can take advantage of any additional reading time when possible.



Please help us to ensure that the children are happy and healthy by sending in a water bottle every day and if you're child has a packed lunch, it should be as healthy as possible.



We are looking forward to a fun first half term, full of learning and excitement.

Please contact me, via the office, if you have any questions or queries.



Many thanks,  
Nicky and the Sapling Team

