

Sapphire Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2017 and to Sapphire. A warm welcome to Theo, Marnie and Nathan and their families and we look forward to supporting you in Sapphire Class.

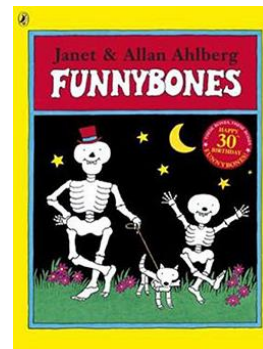
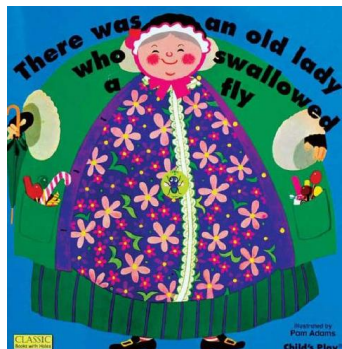
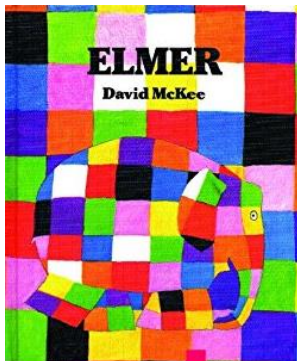
Our new class members will be starting over the next few weeks.

Curriculum Topics

The topic this half term is 'All About Me'. We will be talking about our families, so if possible could you please send in a few photos, thank you in advance. We will also be getting to know each other by looking at some of our favourite things, exploring our favourite characters, stories and songs etc.

We are using 'Letters and Sounds' to teach phonics and we will continue to learn new sounds aswell as revising old ones and learning to blend them. This will be pupil specific and based on individuals needs.

These are some of the books we will be looking at this half term



In maths we will be working on a variety of activities related to number, shape and measurement.

Inclusion Sessions

The children will continue to join their mainstream peers for a variety of sessions. This will be pupil specific dependent on individual needs. We will also continue to take part in infant playtime.

School trips

The children will continue to attend school trips with their mainstream class as much as possible as it is a wonderful opportunity for them to socialise with their peers and benefit from the mainstream curriculum.

Sapphire will also be going on a number of class trips throughout the year and we will let you know when these will be closer to the time.

Contact books

Please continue to use the contact books to let us know how things are going at home. Feel free to share successes and issues at home so that we can support your child. Please also let us know about any appointments etc. that your child may have. We aim to use the contact books to allow ease of communication; if however you would like to meet to discuss something with us, please leave a note in the contact book and we can arrange an appointment.

Reading

Every child will have a library book which they can bring home and enjoy with you. This may be above their own reading age as we will be encouraging them to choose this book on their own. When appropriate they will also be provided with a scheme reading book in order to practice their own reading skills. Please fill in how the children get on with their reading in the reading record book we will provide.

Speech & Language and Occupational Therapist

Sarah Cox will be continuing with the children's speech & language therapy. The children will have individual sessions which will run throughout the week. She will also be supported by our speech and language therapy assistant Amie Kennedy who will be on site three days a week.

Laura Moore will continue to work with us as our Occupational Therapist and will assess and set individual targets for the children as well as working alongside our staff to inform our OT provision throughout the week.

Coffee Morning

We aim to have a coffee morning before the end of the half term so everyone can meet and to allow you as parents the opportunity to speak to each other. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our annual harvest festival on Monday 18th September. Harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land. To mark harvest at Knollmead we will be having a special assembly and would like to donate food to a local charity. Therefore, please send your child into school with a small donation, such as tinned food, fruit, vegetables or dried goods such as pasta and rice on **Thursday 14th September.**

We look forward to seeing you all during the term and appreciate your continued support

*Sam Beaumont, Emma Green, Seema Desai, Ellen Hunter, Nathan Rebbit
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