



Saplings Class

Spring 2 2017

Over the next few weeks we will be covering the following areas.

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at time before moving on to fractions, multiplication and division and then comparing and ordering weight. Please encourage your child to tell the time on both digital and analogue clocks.

English

This term we are going to be looking at fiction and non-fiction books. We will be reading 'The Whales Song' by Gary Phare and contrasting it with fact sheets about whales. Following on from this, we will be reading traditional tales such as 'The Three Little Pigs' and thinking about how they have been changed into other similar stories. Please visit the library and encourage your child to read any traditional tales or fairy tales.

Topic

Our Topic until the half term break is Paws and Claws with a focus on pets. We are hoping to invite a pet charity to school to talk to the children about caring for pets. We will be looking at humans and other animals in Science and creating an enclosure for an unusual pet in Design and Technology.

As part of the topic, the children will have a pet shop in the role-play area so any toy pets and plastic accessories would be greatly appreciated.

Towards the end of term, we would like to give the children the opportunity to experience real pets. Please let us know if you would be available to bring your pet to school and talk to the children about caring for your pet. It would be great to give the children the opportunity to hold/stroke the animal (depending on the type of animal!). We will give dates and details nearer the time.

Please inform us if your child is allergic to any animals.

Homework

Please continue to read regularly with your child and make a comment about your child's reading in the record book. We will give your child an opportunity to change their reading books regularly but it is important that your child is confident reading the text and can discuss the book before changing it. We ask that the children bring their book bag every day and their library book on a Tuesday.

We are alternating English, Maths and Topic homework which is given out weekly on a Wednesday. The homework folder then needs to be returned by the following Monday. We hope you have enjoyed doing the activities with your child.

Class Bunnies

The class bunnies, 'Chocolate' and 'Sprinkles', will continue to go home this term. The children have really enjoyed showing the maths that they have taught the bunnies. The bunnies will go home on a **Thursday** and will need to be returned by the following **Tuesday**.

Mrs Stevens, Mrs Saheed and Mrs Welsh