



Saplings Class

Summer 1 2017

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

Maths

In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction before moving on to money, multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to recognise and use coins.

English

This term we are going to be writing recounts, stories and poems. We will be reading a selection of poems from 'The Works' and thinking about how they are structured. Following on from this, we will be learning a poem to recite later in the term.

Topic

Our topic until the half term break is 'Our Village'. We have carried out a traffic survey and will be thinking about different buildings and landmarks around Halstead village. As a class, we will be looking at different types of maps including Ordnance Survey and A-Z maps. We will investigate how to use Google Earth and Google Maps to identify key places and buildings.

In science we are continuing to look at humans and other animals with links to our trip to Godstone Farm and life cycles of 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 would also like to remind you that the completed Reading Passports need to be returned by 22nd May in order for your child to receive a certificate. Please let us know if you need any books.

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**.

Website

Please look at the Saplings section of the school website. We have some photos of the latest events as well as links to the homework, reading passports and other information that we have given out during the year. We hope you find it useful.

Mrs Stevens, Mrs Saheed and Mrs Welsh