



Sapling Autumn 1 Class Newsletter

Dear Parent Carers,

Welcome to Rigby Hall! We are so proud of how the children have settled in to school last week and how quickly they have adjusted to their new daily routines. The children have enjoyed exploring their new school, including the brilliant playground and sensory room.

This half term our theme is 'All about me'. The children are now ready to begin their learning and we are very excited to share this journey with you. We have now received all our Tapestry consent forms, so observations will begin this week. Please look out for an email from Tapestry with your log in details. You can also download a Tapestry app on your phone/tablet. Keep checking Tapestry to see all the fun and fantastic things we will be up to! You are welcome to add observations too which we can share in school with your child. If you are struggling to get set up with Tapestry, please let us know and we will try to support you in this.

In Literacy, we will be developing our communication skills, focusing upon the photo books from home visits, as well as small group listening game activities. In our Maths learning, we will be joining in with counting songs, and exploring numbers. In our Personal, Social and Emotional development we will be building relationships with each other and getting to know what we like and do not like through making choices and exploring the classroom environment and resources. We will also be learning to work on our play skills with each other, including sharing and taking turns. We will also be exploring collages, self-portraits and painting on mirrors, as well as exploring what sounds our bodies make in music activities.

Our PE slot is on a Friday. Please could you ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day. We will send their kit home for washing each Friday afternoon. In PE, we will be developing our gross motor skills, including throwing and catching with balloons, scarves, beanbags and balls.

Please can your child come into school dressed in Forest School kit on Thursdays (jogging bottoms/trousers and a long sleeved top). If your child does not have wellies in school, please bring them in next week. We will keep their wellies in school unless you request otherwise.

Every Friday one child will get the opportunity to take Barnaby Bear home for the weekend (our star of the week). He is kept in a suitcase with a diary for you to fill in with activities you have shared and photos (if you are able to print, if not you can email them to us or put onto Tapestry). This is a brilliant home school link which the children love to share back in class upon their return to school on Monday.

If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on the school number (01527 875475) or by writing in the home school diaries.

Many thanks,

Sapling Class Team