

## Sapling Class Newsletter: Spring 1

We hope you had a lovely Christmas! Again, we are so proud of how the children have returned into school and have begun 2024. They have settled beautifully back into their classroom and daily routines.

Our theme for this half term is 'Celebrations'.

We will be basing our Literacy learning on instructional texts this term, exploring the following of simple instructions while shopping, taking part in parties and picnics. We will explore key word language during this learning. In our PE sessions, we will be exploring kicking movements, practising kicking from a stationary position and kicking a ball towards a different themed related target.

Our cooking this half term is focused on shaping dough using our hands and beginning to use the skill of kneading. We will be making party themed recipes, including edible playdough, party sweets and valentines' truffles.

In Number we will be learning to explore simple addition, exploring how objects can be added to a number song or rhyme, using objects to add one more to a given number as well as showing awareness of 'more' when an object of interest is added. In Maths, we will also be learning about capacity – enjoying the exploration of many sensory medias, we will enjoy filling and emptying different containers. Our Understanding the World focus is on Now and the past, as well as exploring where we live. We will also experience class celebrations such as Chinese New Year as part of our themed topic. In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be focusing our learning on 3D arts, using construction materials and junk modelling to create themed designs.

Please keep checking Tapestry to see the amazing learning your children are enjoying and do share any special moments with us too. We love to see what your children get up to at home.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!  
Charlie, Zoe and the Sapling team