

# Apple Class Newsletter

Spring 2 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## News / Information

A very warm welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the spring sunshine over the weekend. Jon, Sue and I are soooooo looking forward to welcoming the children back. We have transformed the classroom in readiness for their return to a new topic 'Spring into Life'.

This term, on Monday afternoons, the children will have PE sessions with James (sports coach) and with Jon on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school.

We plan to visit Mike's Meadow each week on a Thursday afternoon. Whilst the weather is still changeable it would be beneficial for your child to have a coat in school. You may also need to check your child's wellies for size!!

Now we are back at school, could you ensure that all reading books are returned so that we have a range of books available. I am hoping to purchase more decodable books through fund raising.

## Phonics

This term we will be revisiting all Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs, with lots of practical opportunities to apply skills in their reading and writing.

**Phase 3** – This week the letter-sounds we are revisiting **y, qu, z zz** and the Tricky words: **he, she, me, we, be, my, are, was, they, all, her, you**

## What are we learning this week:

Over the next 3 weeks we are going to focus on the book 'Jasper's Beanstalk' a lovely story about Jasper the cat and his week of trying to grow a bean! This week the children will learn and imitate this story through active story making. We will use story mapping to depict the main events in the story.

In maths we are continuing to build upon ten using the part whole model and tens frames to investigate number facts i.e.  $7+3$  /  $4+6$ . We will use this time to ascertain where the children are in terms of their number knowledge so as to inform my planning over the remaining term.

On Thursday we will go to Mike's Meadow in the search for seasonal changes, we will also focus on what it means when something is living and not living.

On Friday, we will reflect upon the beans they have planted at home and the needs of a seed in order to grow successfully.

## Teacher Awards

