

Apple Class Newsletter

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News / Information

Thank you for your bean photos, keep them coming in as I am displaying with pride in our classroom. Sue, Jon and I are so impressed with the levels of enthusiasm for this topic. The children are really interested in how plants grow, how we can look after our environment and what plants provide for us.

The children are also really enjoying revisiting the Phase 3 phonemes. Having heard all the children read over the past two weeks, I have been really impressed with their progress. My overriding suggestion now is to keep practising the sight recognition of all Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs and the tricky words. This will help your child to move on from a reliance on decoding to being able to recognise/read words and therefore increasing their pace and fluency.

Over the next two weeks, Jon and I will be teaching the children about the origins of Easter within the Christian calendar. We will of course be looking at the popular traditions associated with this festival and so therefore remember the Easter Bonnet competition that FOBS have organised and also the special lunch Yvonne and the team are putting together on Wednesday 31st March, which is when your child can show off their Easter Bonnet!

Teacher Awards

**Bobby and
Thorin**

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 **ee, or, ai, ar** and the Tricky words: **he, she, me, we, be, my, are, was, they, all, her, you**

What are we learning this week:

We are finishing our work on Jasper's Beanstalk. The children will use their innovations from last week to re-write part of the story in their own words, substituting key elements such as the main character. The children have really enjoyed unpicking this story and having a go at inventing their own version. In maths I am going to introduce the class to money! We will focus on 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. The children will learn about what we need and use money for and how we can put coins together to make a total. Please take the time to introduce the concept of money at home, maybe look at what is in their piggy banks, or go to the shops and use coins to buy something. We will be using this concept as a way to consolidate number bonds such as 2p and 3p together will make 5p.

On Friday we will be taking a closer look at flowering plants. We will look at the different parts of a flower and their function. The class will draw flowers and label their parts. Sue is also hoping to get some frog spawn from our pond so the children can see and learn about the life cycle of a frog!

