

# Apple Class Newsletter

Spring 2 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## News / Information

Final week of term and I know we are all looking forward to the Easter break. Jon, Sue and I have been so impressed with the children and they have adjusted to life back at school. I think our topic has been a huge success and I know the class are excited by the seasonal changes. When we get back after Easter, we will hopefully be greeted with spring colours in the playground!

Last week we completed our 'Talk for Writing' project based upon 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. It has been amazing to see the children go through a process of active story making, story mapping and writing a story starter independently. For the Spring Concert you will have a chance to see the class perform the story – it is very cute!!

We got the chance to collect some frog spawn from the pond, the children loved watching as the tadpoles appeared!!

James has really enjoyed his time with the children on Mondays, he is going to pass on his assessments but has told me that he has been impressed with their behaviour and games skills.

Don't forget – Easter Bonnet competition and lunch on Wednesday.

Have a happy Easter break xxx

## 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 **oi, oo, oa, ow** and the Tricky words: **he, she, me, we, be, my, are, was, they, all, her, you**

## What are we learning this week:

We are looking at a magical story 'The Egg' – George finds a gigantic egg in the chicken coup. He decides to look after it, but what is inside? The children will use this theme imagine finding an egg of their own, what would they like to find? In maths we are continuing to look at money, through play and real contexts. We will also introduce the concept of subtraction/taking away alongside addition. Jon will continue to teach the children the Christian story of Easter and the traditions associated with this special time of year. Sue and I have a lovely surprise for the children on Wednesday, it is our way to say thank you for being such a wonderful class of children.

As of this week I am going to include key vocabulary we will be covering each week, please use these words at home to reinforce and extend your child's word awareness (this is words from the whole of this term)

**Soil, bulb, seedling, stem, leaf, roots, petal, tadpole, frog spawn, germinate, pollen, shoot, life cycle**

## Teacher Awards

**Greta and  
Christopher**

